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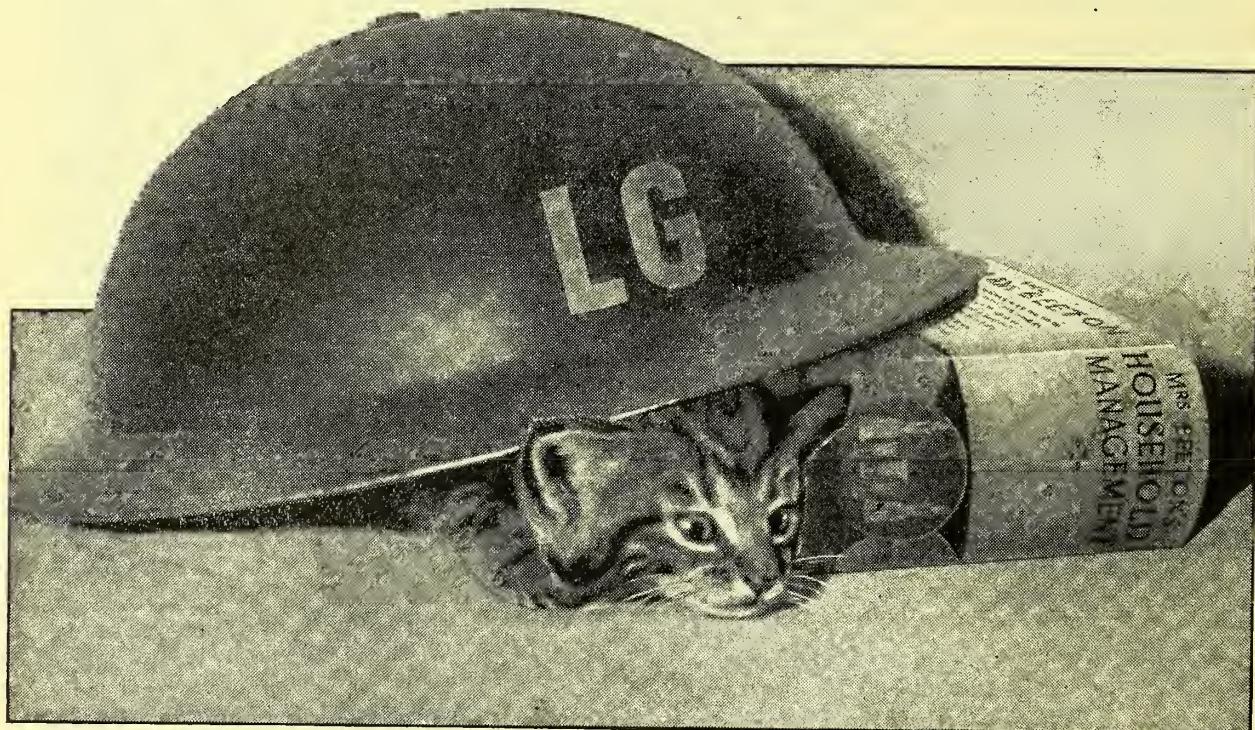
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Standard Bonus Parcels

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1. Bonus in kind will only be allowed on four standard parcels of Halibut Oil (drops and capsules), details of which are shown here. It will be possible to include two or more of the standard parcels in any one order.

2. Every order for these bonus parcels must be accompanied by CASH.

3. Orders for quantities or combinations other than those stated, and orders received without cash, will be executed without bonus in kind.

4. Bonus in kind will not be allowed on other halibut oil products (Halycalcyne, Hali-dexol, Halibut Ointment). We have been reluctant to change the present conditions under which we do business with our pharmaceutical friends but in view of steadily rising costs, and the fact that our prices to the public have not been raised, we hope that the terms now presented will be regarded as an adequate solution to a very difficult problem.

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			3 18 0		
			19 6		
Less 25%			2 18 6		
" 10%			5 10		
*Amount of cash with order			*£2 12 8		
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18 x 5 c.c. Drops					
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	1	2/6	2 5 0		
			4 1 0		
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" 10%			3 0 9		
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			8 2 0		
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" 10%			6 1 6		
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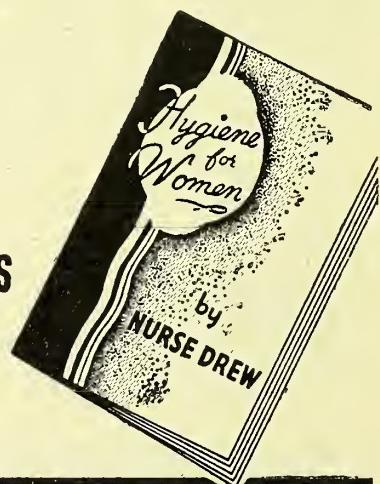
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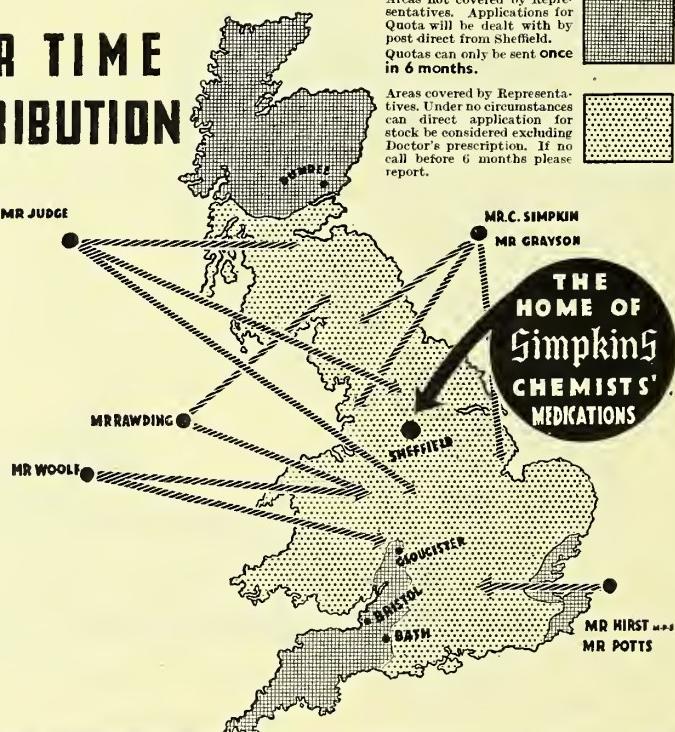
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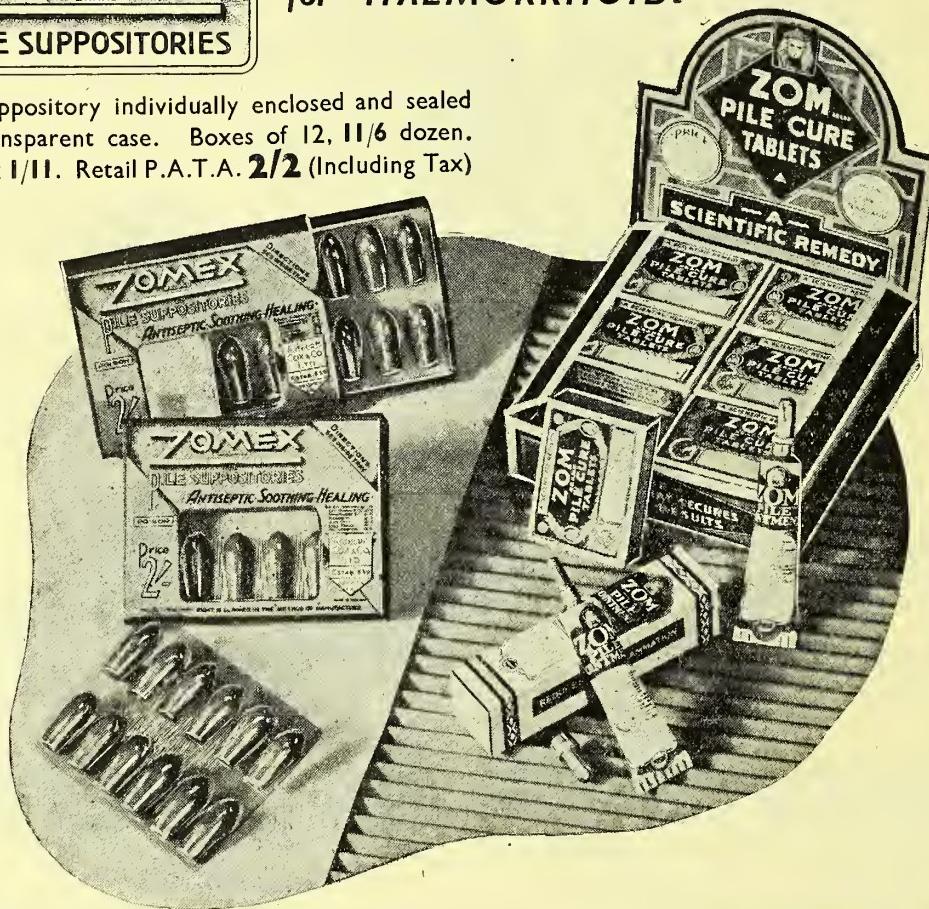
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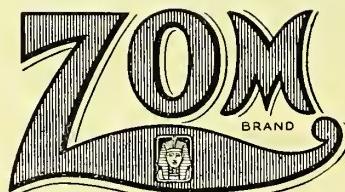
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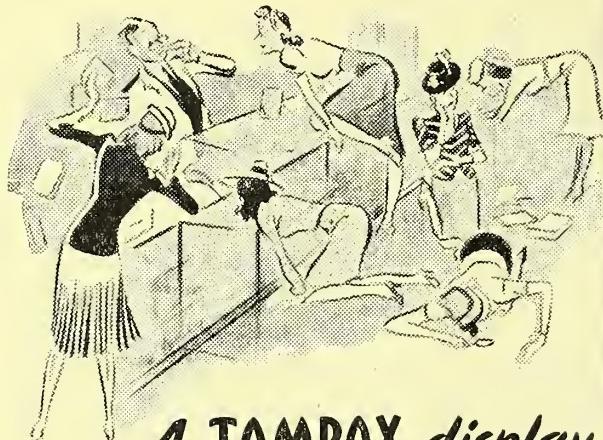
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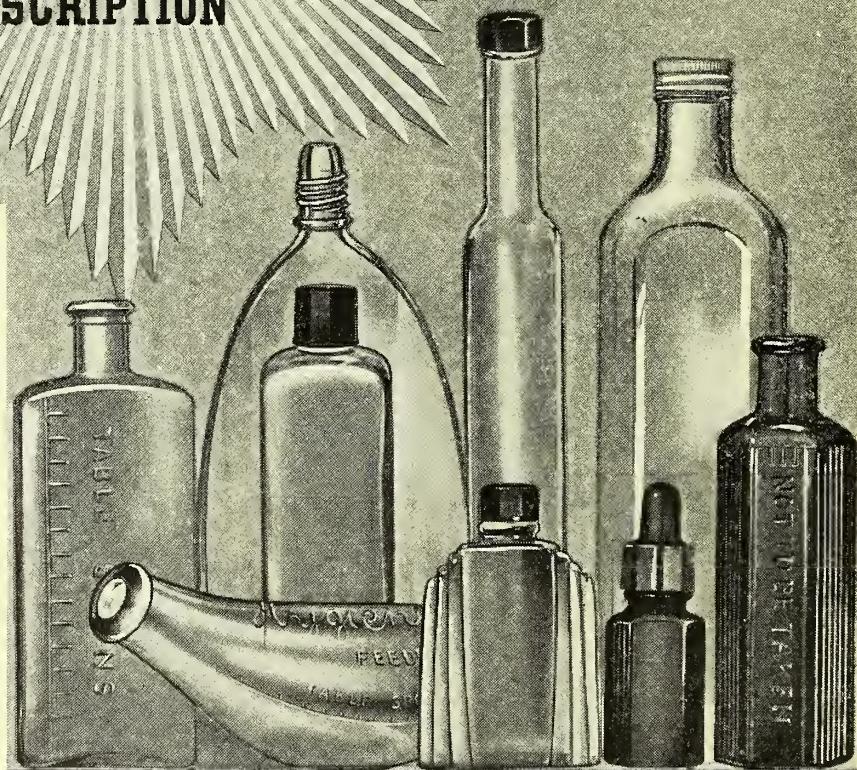
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The year's working had resulted in a trading profit of £76,345, which, after charging £24,578 on account of excess profits tax, left a net profit of £51,767. The board now recommended the payment of final dividends of 8·09 per cent., less tax, on the 8 per cent. Participating Preference shares, making 16·09 per cent., less tax, for the year, and 12 per cent., less tax, on the Ordinary shares, making 24 per cent., less tax, for the year.

Sales could be considered to have been satisfactory in the home market, despite the many difficulties with which they had had to contend during the year. He was happy to report that the expansion in export trade shown last year had been maintained, and that despite curtailed markets and a natural reduction in shipping facilities. The active and intelligent co-operation of the agents for those markets overseas was greatly appreciated, as well as their assistance in solving the many knotty problems that occurred under war conditions.

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The report was unanimously adopted.



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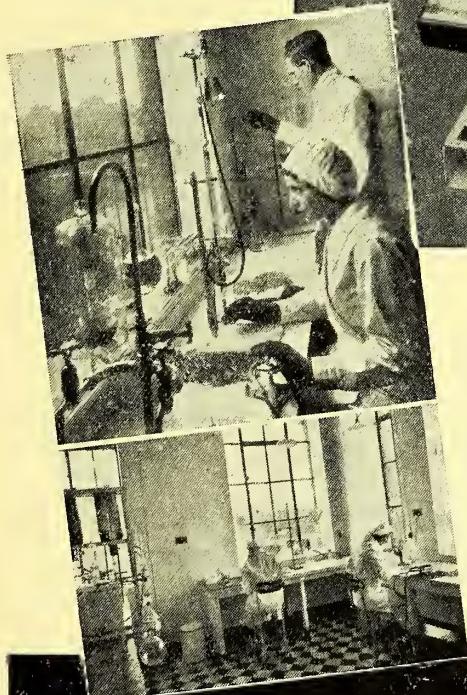
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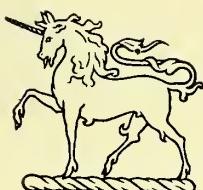


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Registration of London Offices.—City firms whose offices have been destroyed by enemy action are invited to record their new addresses at the Guildhall Library, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.2, where a register is in course of preparation, and will be available for consultation.

Manchester N.P.U. Branch.—At an executive meeting of the Manchester and Salford Branch of the National Pharmaceutical Union held on July 3, Mr. W. Wilkinson was elected Chairman and Mr. W. Gee Vice-chairman. The Treasurer (Mr. G. H. Haines) and Secretary (Mr. T. Miller) were re-elected.

Praise for Hull Chemists.—In a lecture by Mr. J. T. Bagnall (city analyst) recently to Hull Industrial Safety First Council, the speaker said that before the war about sixty of the city's chemists had set up three laboratories with their own testing apparatus for identifying war gases. When war broke out they manned these laboratories day and night, and had a staff ready to answer any call immediately.

Resolution on Call-up of Chemists.—Scunthorpe Chamber of Trade has sent a resolution to the Ministry of Health calling attention to the likely effect that de-reservation of pharmacists will close at least half the chemists' shops in the town. The position in Scunthorpe, states the Chamber, is likely to arise in other towns and the raising of the income limit of National Health Insurance benefit as brought half a million more people on to the free medicine list, undue burden will be placed on the profession. The Chamber views with apprehension the prospect of closing these chemists' shops should any epidemic occur in the winter.

Purchase Tax.—The following decisions regarding the liability of certain articles to tax are published as supplementary to those already given in Notice No. 78. Class 2.—**Chargeable:** All waterproof fabrics in the piece, shaped or partly made-up, except as specifically stated in Notice No. 78 (e.g., heavy industrial canvas). This includes, for example, waterproof bed sheetings, whether supplied to hospitals, institutions or other persons. Waterproof bed sheets, i.e., made-up articles, are similarly chargeable. The exception in page 8 of Notice No. 78 in respect of certain waterproof fabrics for surgical use is confined to such fabrics put up in special packs so as to be clearly identifiable as surgical dressings and sold solely for use as such. Material sold for any other purpose, e.g., for making into aprons, bed sheets, etc., is outside the scope of this concession. Class 17.—In future only packings of the following descriptions of medicated adhesive felt are regarded as chargeable:

Thickness	All sizes not exceeding
Up to but not exceeding $\frac{3}{16}$ in.	40 sq. in.
Exceeding $\frac{3}{16}$ in. but not exceeding $\frac{5}{16}$ in.	30 sq. in.
Exceeding $\frac{5}{16}$ in.	18 sq. in.

Medicated adhesive felt in any size remains chargeable under Class 19.

Class 21.—**Chargeable:** Adhesive stationery tape.

Genatosan Scholarship Competition.—Prizewinners in the 1940 scholarship scheme organised by Genatosan, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Loughborough, are as follows: First prize (£50): Mr. P. W. Lang, 54 St. Thomas' Road, St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancs; second prize (£25), Mr. J. H. Ward, 99 Charlotte Road, Stirchley, Birmingham; third prize (£10), Mr. T. E. Dutton, 67 Kendal Street,

Wigan, Lancs; consolation prize (£5), Mr. E. H. Cattell, Tudor House, Tudor Drive, Oadby, Leics.

Inquests.—At an inquest at Bath, recently, on Mrs. Dorothy Fussell, who died in the Royal United Hospital, Bath, a verdict was returned that death resulted from an overdose of a drug accidentally administered, and that no blame attached to anybody. The patient died following convulsions commencing fifteen minutes after an injection of decain, and it was ascertained that 1 per cent. instead of a 0·1 per cent. solution had been injected. The deputy coroner remarked that to err was human, and to make a mistake of 1 per cent. for 0·1 per cent. was easily possible.—A verdict of accidental death, resulting from an accumulation of medicinal, was returned at Newport Pagnell, Northants, recently, in an inquiry into the cause of death of a woman patient of a nursing home. An amount of 18·3 grains had been found in the internal organs, but there was no evidence that the patient had saved up the tablets and killed herself.

In the Courts.—At Liverpool police court, recently, David McIlwain, aged twenty, described as a chemists' assistant, Cotswold Street, was fined £5 for taking a photograph of buildings damaged by enemy action.—At Old Street police court, London, on July 2, Albert Robert Downing, aged eighteen, a shop boy, 39 Eagle Wharf Road, Shoreditch, pleaded guilty to stealing 2,000 saccharin tablets, valued at 14s., the property of his employers, C. J. Hewlett & Sons, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Shoreditch. He was placed on probation for twelve months.—At Portsmouth City police court, on July 4, Brays, Ltd., chemists, Milton Market, were fined £5 for selling certain preparations at 189 Eastney Road, Southsea, without being authorised sellers of poisons.—At the same court on July 4, Charles W. Carthy, M.P.S., was summoned for selling at 223 Albert Road, Southsea, Prominal tablets containing methylethylphenyl-malonylurea (a derivative of barbituric acid) not on and in accordance with a proper authorisation. Prosecuting solicitor stated that defendant told the woman who purchased the tablets that strictly speaking he should not have sold them to her without a doctor's prescription, and that in future she must have a prescription to obtain them. The case was dismissed on payment of costs.

Address on Pharmaceutical Policy.—Dr. Thomas Dewar (secretary, County of Middlesex Pharmaceutical Committee) spoke on "Policy in Pharmacy" to the Southgate and Wood Green Division of the North Metropolitan Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society recently. From a review of the disciplinary powers of the Pharmaceutical Society, and the lessons to be learnt from a recent appeal to the High Court from a decision of the Statutory Committee, he drew two deductions: 1, That in domestic matters affecting pharmacists and authorised sellers of poisons, the Pharmaceutical Society was master in its own house; and 2, that the High Court would be very loth to interfere with decisions of the Statutory Committee. A controversy was raging upon the extent of control that ought to be imposed upon authorised sellers of poisons. Some said that the present control should be maintained, while others argued for its relaxation, even to the extent of allowing chemists to sell drugs with the same freedom as other retailers. A strong argument in favour of the present position was that if, in the chemists' own shops, drugs were required to be sold under qualified supervision, this was a step towards attaining the ideal that drugs should never be sold except under qualified supervision. The argument that drugs should be sold only by pharmacists could be advocated by the Society more forcibly if the Society voluntarily restrained chemists from selling drugs except under proper supervision. Since its formation, membership of the Pharmaceutical Society

had changed fundamentally. Today it was predominantly an employee membership, while proprietor pharmacists constituted a minority, though a substantial one. The character of the membership has indeed changed more quickly than the objects of the Society, for the Society's object of protection was still limited to the protection of those who carried on the business of chemists and druggists. Since the inception of National Health Insurance, the dispensing of medicines under the scheme had been carried out in retail pharmacies. The pharmacist of the future might well ask, however, whether he would prefer to undertake this work as an employee in retail business or as an employee in the Civil Service. In time there might arise another major dispute between the companies and pharmacists. The companies might strive for retention of National Health Insurance dispensing in retail pharmacies whilst pharmacists, this time in the capacity of employees, might endeavour to secure that the work was performed in public dispensaries.

IRELAND

Red Cross Appointment.—Mr. E. M. O'Grady, M.P.S.I., has been appointed county divisional director of the Irish Red Cross Society for the city and county of Waterford.

Government Chemical Production in Eire.—An Emergency Scientific Research Bureau set up by the Eire Government some months ago is now producing ether for anaesthetic purposes and formalin, supplies of which were deemed likely to run short. The Bureau also claims to have made substitute materials of importance in at least six industries, and is carrying on research work to assist the dyeing, preserving and mineral-water industries with chemical substitutes for materials hitherto imported.

Northern Ireland War Distress Fund.—Under a committee consisting of Messrs. H. F. Moore, J. T. Nicholl, W. C. Tate and D. L. Kirkpatrick (secretary), representing the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, and Messrs. John McDowell, John McGregor, W. J. Rankin and James McClenahan (secretary), representing the Ulster Chemists' Association, this fund has been launched to assist persons engaged in pharmacy in Northern Ireland who have suffered, or suffer, loss by reason of enemy action. A first list of contributions includes £500 from the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland and personal subscriptions totalling £348. Grants totalling £340 have been made to chemists who suffered in the recent raids on Belfast. The following are among the contributors:—£10 10s., Nicholl's Medical Hall, Ltd., Belfast; J. H. Moffatt, Belfast; and A. Boyd & Co., Ltd., Lisburn. £7 7s., S. Connor & Sons, Ltd., Newry. £5 5s., R. Andrew & Co.; Davidson & Hardy, Ltd.; Davidson & Murray, Ltd.; D. Gibson; J. N. Hogg; J.

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SCOTLAND

Representative Appointed.—W. R. Hatrick & Co., Ltd., Glasgow, have appointed Miss A. Morrison as their East Scotland representative, in succession to Mr. Sutherland.

Resignation.—Mr. Charles Stewart, M.P.S., has resigned from the Kirkcaldy Insurance Committee for health reasons. He is secretary of the Fife County Pharmaceutical Committee, and has been associated with the local pharmaceutical service under the Insurance Scheme from its inception. The service rendered by Mr. Stewart to the medical benefits subcommittee was warmly commended by the chairman at a recent meeting.

Prize Award.—At a recent meeting of the Royal Society of Edinburgh the Gunning Victoria Jubilee Prize was presented to Sir James Irvine (principal and vice-chancellor, St. Andrews University). Sir James, whose earliest original work was begun as an undergraduate at St. Andrews, had conducted researches into carbohydrate chemistry, and particularly into the constitution of the disaccharoses, including cane sugar, and of the polysaccharoses, including starch and inulin. Progress in these studies had been due largely to new and ingenious methods of procedure which Sir James himself had invented and applied.

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

A Good Discussion.—The thanks of the trade are due for your editorial comment on the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill (p. 19), and for allotting so much of your limited space (pp. 13-16) to the observations of your readers. This Bill, like the burial of Ophelia in "Hamlet," is being put through with abnormal haste; and one may ask whether, if registered pharmacists had been affected by the Act of 1933 in the same way as co-operative societies have been, there would have been a similar eagerness in official circles to restore the *status quo ante bellum*. As Jowett pointed out in his introduction to the *Gorgias* of Plato: "Governing for the people cannot easily be combined with governing by the people: the interests of classes are too strong for the ideas of the statesman who takes a comprehensive view of the whole." In a recent leading article "The Times" pointedly expressed disapproval of this parliamentary hurry. Several of the points made by your contributors are important—for instance, the suggestion by Mr. G. C. Crummack on the position of a post office or sub-post office as a part of a business. Clause I (1) (e) (iii) appears to meet the difficulty raised by Mr. Harold E. Matthews regarding the assumption by "a new class of authorised sellers of Part II poisons" of designations for exhibition on their premises: the subclause, as I read it, negatives the use of any such designation. The main trouble confronting us is that while we are writing to THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST about such points, decisions in which we have little or no voice are being made over our heads.

The List of Ailments.—In one respect the Bill, as "Adest" has shown (p. 20), is unexpectedly modest: it curtails the list of ailments as agreed upon in the well-known Bill of 1936. More than one of your contributors has drawn attention to this feature. The list in the Bill printed in your issue of March 28, 1936, is: Bright's disease, cancer, consumption, diabetes, epilepsy, fits, locomotor ataxy, lupus or paralytic, amenorrhoea, hernia, blindness, any structural or organic

ailment of the auditory system; to which are added miscarriage and habits associated with sexual excess. I agree with the suggestion of Mr. R. Woolby Brooke that rheumatism—a complex group of diseases—should have been added to the present list. His mention of the fact that in the Royal Borough of Kensington, with a population, according to my latest Whitaker, of 175,686, no fewer than 132 persons are licensed to sell Part II poisons suggests the uncomfortable reflection that in less enlightened parts of the country the state of affairs may be proportionately worse.

"In Effect."—Was it by a calculated indiscretion that Mr. Melhuish let fall the remark (*C. & D. Coloured Supplement*, July 12, p. xiv) that the Pharmaceutical Society is "in effect a department of the Civil Service"? So urbane and experienced a councillor could hardly have intended to make our flesh creep; and yet . . . The remark, whatever its intention, shows how far some of us have travelled from the conceptions of the founders of the Society. The following passage is taken from the first address of the Council to the chemists and druggists of Great Britain, issued in July 1841: "Those among us who take a real interest in our scientific art rejoice at the opportunity which is now afforded of placing the 'trade' of a chemist and druggist on a professional footing, and effecting a union of our scattered forces for mutual benefit and advancement. By these means . . . all the collective influence we possess will become available in attaining the desired improvement among ourselves, and resisting encroachments or interference on the part of others. The Council are particularly desirous of overcoming the impression that a voluntary society cannot effect these objects." But if the Society's members are now in effect members of a department of the Civil Service (and no longer of a voluntary society), it is pertinent to inquire what benefits thereby accrue. Is the answer that for "in effect" we should read "as it were"?

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APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE.—R. G. Thomas, 11 Fisher Street, Swansea, has been appointed trustee for G. Grant, manufacturing chemist and rtillers merchant, Gamrie, Cherry Grove, Sketty, Swansea.

VOLUNTARY WINDINGS-UP.—At a general meeting of Toja Products, Ltd., was resolved that the company should be voluntarily wound up, Mr. D. C. Giddins, 112-114 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3, being pointed liquidator.—A general meeting of Schering, Ltd., on June 23, solved that the company should be voluntarily wound up. Creditors uld send names, addresses and particulars of debts to H. J. Sier, uidator, on or before September 1.

Bankruptcy.—WILLIAM PATRICK ARNOTT, M.P.S., 27 Castle Lane, Bournemouth, formerly carrying on business at 66a High Street, Poole, rset. The first meeting of creditors was held recently at Southampton, hen a statement of affairs was submitted showing ranking liabilities of £6, with assets of £117, or a deficiency of £790. Debtor commenced business on his own account at Burleson, Staffs, in 1919, but disposed of that siness in 1925, and moved to Poole, where he purchased a similar siness at 92 High Street for £5,000, including the freehold property. or the first three years business proved successful, but afterwards competition affected the trading. Debtor opened two branch shops, which placed under management. He sold one for £400. When a disagreement e between the second manager and himself, a judgment was obtained e return of a loan of £300 made to him by his manager. In June 1933 eitor executed a deed of assignment; at that time his liabilities were £340, and a dividend of 2s. 3d. in the pound was paid. The branch siness then ceased and the business at High Street, Poole, was sold, urchaser employing debtor as manager. In December 1938 debtor agreed purchase the business for £487, and to rent the premises, but when it was increased he removed the business to 66a High Street, Poole, addition he took other premises at 27 Castle Lane, Bournemouth, and ened another business there in March 1939. This was removed to Castle Lane in October, and finally closed in December 1939. Creditors d been suing and judgment was obtained against him. When his goods e sold under execution in May he filed his petition. He had kept books account. The creditors passed a resolution for the appointment of Parkin S. Booth as trustee of the estate, with a committee of inspection.

Winding-up Petition Dismissed.—In the Chancery Division, on July 14, Justice Uthwatt heard a petition for compulsory winding up of ailey & Smith, Ltd., chemists, Radlett, Herts, presented by Horace il Brailey. The hearing followed a week's adjournment (*C. & D.* July 12, 17). For Mr. Brailey it was stated that the company had a capital of £1,500 £1 shares, of which petitioner held 750 and Mr. Wendell Charles Smith e remaining 750. In substance there was a partnership, and the partners d fallen out. The business had been very successful; it ran two retail ops at Radlett. About January 1941, Mr. Brailey desired to sell his ares because he had other interests, and he informed Mr. Smith, who

was unable to buy them himself. The transaction was put into the hands of chemists' agents, who found a purchaser willing to give £1,150. Mr. Smith, who had a right of pre-emption, then raised objections and the sale went off. Mr. Brailey had to pay the agent's commission of £20, and he was faced with a claim for breach of contract by the intending purchaser. By insisting on his right of pre-emption under the articles, Mr. Smith had destroyed the confidence which should exist between two partners, it was claimed. For Mr. Smith, who opposed the petition, it was stated that the account of the transaction, as given for Mr. Brailey, was not accepted. Petition showed no ground for a winding-up order. So far as there was a deadlock it was entirely caused by Mr. Brailey, who refused, for no valid ground, to co-operate with Mr. Smith. Actually the business was still running smoothly. No allegation was brought against Mr. Smith which would justify a dissolution. Mr. Justice Uthwatt said that, assuming the facts as alleged by petitioner were true, all he had shown was that he had some ground for taking exception to what he thought was a shabby action by Mr. Smith, but he had not shown any reason why the company should not go on functioning as before. The petition would be dismissed with costs.

LEGAL REPORTS

Payment for Dental Equipment.—Judgment was given in the King's Bench Division, on July 2, in favour of Amalgamated Dental Co., Ltd., Piccadilly, London, W., against Hans Schindler, Portland Place, W., for £401 English currency equivalent of a price in reichmarks of dental equipment sold and delivered by the plaintiffs to the defendant in September 1935. The defence was that the goods had been paid for in Germany.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Tucker said the real question was whether there had been payment within the meaning of the words in the contract. Plaintiffs had not received the money. In 1935 they had an arrangement with the company called Ritter, in Germany, from whom they purchased goods required for their business; if the goods manufactured by Ritter's were in excess of plaintiffs' requirements they should be kept in store in Germany on plaintiff's behalf. When the defendant, a refugee from Germany who had set up a dental business in this country, approached the plaintiffs, a question arose as to payment for the equipment and, according to plaintiffs' case, it was agreed that payment should be made in reichmarks on defendant's assurance that he had free and unrestricted funds in Germany. Reichmarks were deposited in a German bank and paid into a suspense account by Ritter's pending necessary permission of the German authorities. Subsequently defendant was convicted of an offence under the German currency law and the reichmarks were confiscated. In those circumstances his lordship was unable to hold there had been payment to the plaintiffs for the goods, and he entered judgment accordingly.

Alleged Passing-off.—In the High Court, Dublin, on July 10, Aspro, Ltd., Moorgate, London, E.C., brought an action against J. E. Foster, trading as People's Popular Prescriptions, 62 Upper Stephen Street, Dublin. Plaintiffs claimed an injunction to restrain Mr. Foster from, as they alleged, passing off acetylsalicylic acid not of their manufacture as acetylsalicylic acid of their manufacture, and supplying in response for orders for "Aspro," under the name "Trueasp," acetyl salicylic acid not of their manufacture, without clearly indicating that it was not their manufacture. They also claimed damages. Mr. Foster denied that he had passed off as manufacturer of Aspro, Ltd., acetylsalicylic acid which was not their manufacture, and stated that he prepared and marketed, as he lawfully might do, acetylsalicylic acid in tablet form under the name "Trueasp" made to the same or similar chemical formula.

Mr. Overend, K.C., for Aspro, Ltd., referred to leaflets which he stated had been issued by defendant, and said that one leaflet contained a list of 120 remedies, including "Aspro," and words indicating that the products sold by defendant were to compete with these remedies. He was not founding the case on that leaflet alone but on twenty-two instances of actual passing-off within a period of eighteen months. Plaintiffs had had purchases made at defendant's shops. "Aspro" was asked for and "Trueasp" wrapped up and supplied. Only on one or two occasions was there any reference to the fact that what was wrapped in the parcel was not what was asked for. Mr. C. W. Chesson, manager for Aspro, Ltd., in Eire since 1936, said they sold over twelve million tablets in Eire yearly.

Mr. Campbell, K.C., for Mr. Foster, said the last thing that Mr. Foster wanted the public to think was that they were buying "Aspro" or anything else. What he wanted them to think was that they were buying his products of "Trueasp," stomach pills, and so on. What he was selling was not "Aspro" but something in direct competition with it.

Mr. J. Foster, in evidence, stated that "Trueasp," pure and simple, was aspirin, and he had as much right to sell aspirin tablets under the name "Trueasp" as Aspro, Ltd., had to sell them under the name "Aspro."

The hearing was adjourned.

N.P.U. MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

THE following is the text of a memorandum that was sent by the Executive of the National Pharmaceutical Union to every Member of Parliament before the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill was discussed in Committee:—

Those engaged in the retail chemist business (both independent and multiples) wish you to know that the Bill as a whole has not been agreed or accepted by the trade, and your assistance in regard to the following matters in particular is solicited:—

1. Rejection of all the amendments in the names of Mr. S. J. Peters, LL.D., Mrs. Tate, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Thomas Moore, and Sir Herbert Williams.

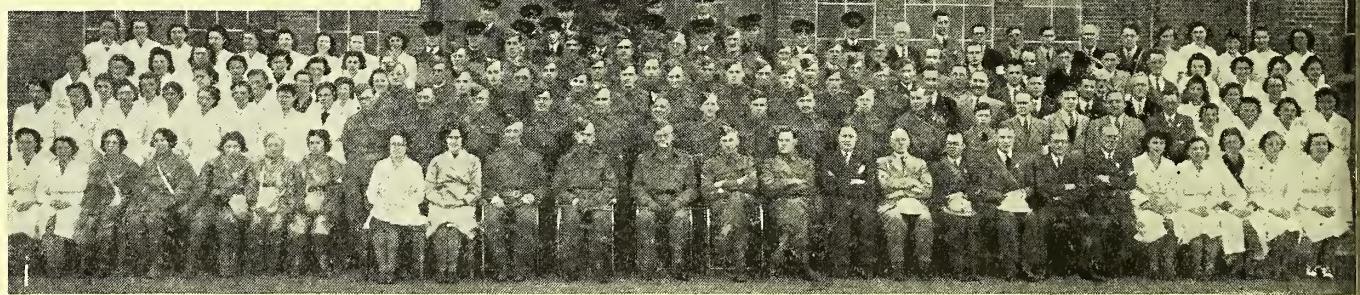
—These are all designed to give herbalists a statutory recognition they have never previously enjoyed, and this Bill should not be used for establishing such controversial claims, since the existing statutory position of herbalists is not affected by the Bill except in regard to disclosure of the contents of their medicines, which new requirement affects all parties alike, and to which retail chemists offer no objection if there is adequate disclosure in plain English. The claims of herbalists, their education and training, should be the subject of separate consideration by the House through a Bill introduced for the purpose of giving them such statutory recognition as the House then deems desirable. Clause 7, as it stands in the Bill, is the only one about which there has been any trade agreement: it places all parties in the same position under the "no medicine duty" conditions as they were under medicine duty; it is a compromise providing no compensation to any section.

2. Control of the Proprietary Medicine Trade.—This Bill does not control the proprietary medicine trade. It does no more than eliminate the disreputable section whilst providing the remainder with wider and freer opportunities for selling their goods, very largely to the detriment of the retail chemist. The large multiple chemists are very definite in their opinion that this is the case, and, along with the independent chemists, they ask for the protection of the chemist's professional and business interest. The repeal of the minimum duty of threepence on each proprietary medicine will relieve the manufacturers from a heavy financial payment, giving them an opportunity to market popular small-price packs and extend their distribution very widely. Removal of the vendor's licence duty will assist materially in this respect. Whilst in war-time the full benefit of this change will not be procurable by the manufacturers, the post-war period will give them that which they are anticipating. It is certain that, under these conditions, there will be, even during the war,

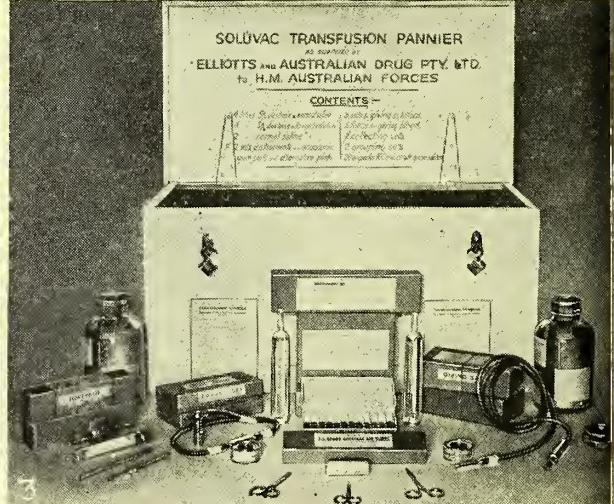
an increased demand for proprietary medicines which may easily cause shortage of drugs for prescriptions, with embarrassing results to doctors chemists and the National Health Insurance authorities. Your support is, therefore, desired for a new clause to follow Clause 7, which would read as follows: "No person other than a person authorised under Subsection of Clause 7 shall sell any article comprising a substance recommended as a medicine under a proprietary designation unless it was at the time of the passing of this Act being sold under that designation."

Such a clause would protect the existing vested interest of manufacturers and non-chemist retailers, but would prevent further wide development of that interest and lessen the tendency towards self-medication on the part of the public. It would provide retail chemists with some measure of compensation in the future for the present loss caused by the removal of the duty and the encouragement, thereby, of distribution of existing products through other channels. Retail chemists (both independents and multiples) are strongly of the opinion that the amendment down in the names of Mr. Arthur Duckworth, Sir Robert Bird, and Captain Elliston, suggesting a new clause giving the Minister of Health power to create a Board of Control for proprietary medicine, is very desirable, as it provides means for controlling the trade generally and removes any necessity for future legislation on this very contentious subject whilst giving adequate protection for the public and for the legitimate business of proprietary-medicine manufacturers. If that clause were mandatory and not permissive, and included power to control the channels of distribution, it would make this Bill very effective instrument for its purpose. The present Bill is welcomed by the proprietary-medicine manufacturers, because it gives them great advantages. The effect of the Bill, as drafted, is to give the main body of proprietary-medicine manufacturers freedom from control, which is not desirable in the public interest. The provisions of Clause 1, relaxing in favour of co-operative societies the requirements of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, are disliked by the entire body of retail chemists for obvious reasons. And that clause itself provides further justification for the compensation of retail chemists by the additional provisions suggested above. The National Pharmaceutical Union speaks for approximately 9,000 (i.e. 90 per cent.) of the retail proprietor chemists in England and Wales; the Company Chemists Association, acting on behalf of the multiple chemists, includes Boots, Ltd., Taylors, Ltd., and Timothy Whites, Ltd.

NEWS IN PICTURES



Firm's Staff in Civil Defence.—Some of the staff of S. Maw, Son & Sons, Ltd., New Barnet, who have volunteered for Civil Defence duties.
2. Edison's Original Laboratory.—The original laboratory of Thomas Alva Edison, United States scientist and inventor, as dismantled from Menlo Park, New Jersey, and reassembled at Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan.
3. Australian Blood-transfusion pannier.—Solvac blood-transfusion pannier as supplied to the Australian military forces by Elliotts and Australian Drug Proprietary, Ltd.



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TRADE NOTES

WOAD SEED.—Mr. Charles Wass, chemist and druggist, 43 Spalding Road, Holbeach, Lincs, has available for distribution a supply of woad seed and will send a sample of it to any of our subscribers on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

SCHERING, LTD.—In connexion with the formal notice of the voluntary winding-up of this company (p. 25), we are informed that arrangements are in hand for the carrying on of the business, and that the Schering products will continue to be available as hitherto.

LIPSTICK REFILLS.—The manufacturers of Tryst lipstick, a new lipstick advertised in this issue, can deliver from reserves of stock any or all of six shades. Tryst lipstick is packed in attractive cartons, the contents of which will fit any standard size of container. Supplies are obtainable through wholesalers only.

SALES MAINTAINED.—British Alkaloids, Ltd. (manufacturers of T.C.P.), give an account in another page of the twelfth ordinary general meeting of the company, held on July 9. The report stated that sales had been maintained, and dividends as recommended by the directors (see *C. & D.*, July 5, p. 2) were approved.

EXEMPT FROM PURCHASE TAX.—Fassett & Johnson, Ltd., 86 Clerkenwell Road, London, E.C.1, announce that Angier's Supavite capsules, containing vitamins A, B₁, B₂, C, D and E with iron, calcium and phosphorus, are not now subject to purchase tax. Advertisements are appearing in many newspapers and periodicals.

A MEANS OF REDUCING SUGAR CONSUMPTION.—Howards & Sons, Ltd., Ilford, point out that the consumption of sugar may be reduced by addition of bicarbonate of soda in baking and in cooking fresh fruits, etc., and remind chemists that Howards' bicarbonate of soda is sold in 1, 2, 4, 8 and 16-oz. packages and in bulk.

PRICE LIST.—The 164-pp. July, 1941, price list of Burgoynes, Burbidges & Co., Ltd., London, E., is now available. The list covers drugs, chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations; concentrated solutions and mixtures; compressed tablets; pills; ampoules, lozenges and pastilles; toilet preparations; veterinary preparations, etc.

PRESCRIBED BARLEY SUGAR.—The statement is made in an advertisement by A. L. Simpkin & Co., Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Sheffield, 6, elsewhere in this issue, that they have received instructions from the Government to reserve a proportion of their output for urgent medical demands. A procedure to be adopted by chemists receiving prescriptions for glucose barley sugar, plain and with halibut liver oil, is outlined.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CHEMICALS BOOKLET.—A 28-pp. booklet describing the P.A.C. photographic fine chemicals has been issued by the distributors, Minox, Ltd., 5 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, and copies will be sent, on request, to any chemist in business. The range of products includes special chemicals for use in photographic emulsions, developers and other photographic media which, prior to the war, were manufactured on the Continent and are now made in this country.

ALTERATION TO BONUS TERMS.—Despite present difficulties, bonus terms on Crookes' halibut oil are announced by the makers, The Crookes Laboratories (British Colloids, Ltd.), London, N.W.10, to be still available, subject to certain conditions. Bonus in kind is allowed only on four standard parcels of halibut oil (drops and capsules); every order for bonus parcels must be accompanied by cash; orders for quantities or combinations other than those stated, and orders received without cash, are executed without bonus in kind, which, moreover, is not allowed on other halibut oil products (Halycalcyne, Halidexol, halibut ointment).

CHANGES IN STRENGTHS.—Glaxo Laboratories, Ltd., Greenford, Middlesex, announce certain changes in strengths of Berin products—the Glaxo preparations of aneurin hydrochloride, B.P. (vitamin B₁). The alterations are made in view of current tendencies to give large amounts of vitamin B₁ more economically. Berin injection is now available in 5-mgm. and 25-mgm. (forte) ampoules at the prices of the 2-mgm. and 10-mgm. ampoules, which they replace. Orders for 2-mgm. and 10-mgm. ampoules will be met until present stocks are exhausted. 3-mgm. Berin tablets are introduced at the former prices of Berin 1-mgm. tablets; prices of 1 mgm. tablets are greatly reduced.

NEW SERVICE TO EXPORTERS.—A new company, Groupage, Ltd., has been formed in London to provide exporters with a simplified service for the delivery of goods to steamers for export. The service is designed primarily for shippers exporting through Liverpool or London, but will be extended to other ports in due course. The advantages of the new service include the elimination of the small consignment as a unit for transport, as goods are grouped into loads at the receiving depot and delivered as a unit to the export steamer. Pre-entry at Customs is carried out in London instead of at the port of shipment, and one load, sorted according to port of destination, is sent to the docks instead of numerous small consignments. All the exporter is required to do is to deliver his goods to the company, who will attend to all formalities, transport and delivery f.o.b. or to destination overseas. Full particulars of the new service may be obtained from Groupage, Ltd., Universal House, Southwark Bridge, London, S.E.1.

Business Changes

METCALFE & CO., LTD., chemists, have acquired shop premises at Western Avenue, Speke.

ASTRIN BROS., LTD., drug merchants, have removed to Stafford House, King William Street, London, E.C.4.

The practice of Elborne & Ellington, analysts, Peterborough, has been entirely taken over by Mr. Thomas McLachlan, A.C.G.F.C., F.I.C., who will run it in conjunction with his London laboratory. Mr. F. A. Lyne, B.Sc., F.I.C., who has been in charge of the Peterborough laboratory for

nearly a year, will remain at Peterborough. Samples may be sent either to 16 Park Road, Peterborough, or to 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1.

Proprietary Articles Trade Association

Alterations to Protected List.—Evans Sons Lescher & Webb, Ltd., Hawleys I.K. insect killer, 6d., 4s. doz.; 9d., 6s. doz.; 1s. 3d., 1os. doz.; 4s. 3d., 34s. doz. (exempt from purchase tax).—Gilmont Products, Ltd., New-mix tooth-paste, 2s., 16s. doz. (tax, 5s. 2d. doz.), inclusive retail price, 2s. 5d.; G.P.D. (douche), 2s. 6d., 20s. doz. (tax, 6s. 6d. doz.), inclusive retail price, 3s. 0d. Both products subject to 2½ per cent. for monthly settlement.—Moore Medicinal Products, Ltd. Entry on p. 171 of P.A.T.A. Year Book for 1941 has been amended, as follows: Brovon, ½-oz., 7s. 6d., 6os. doz. (tax, 1os. doz.), inclusive retail price, 8s. 4d.; 1-oz., 14s., 112s. doz. (tax, 18s. 8d. doz.), inclusive retail price, 15s. 7d.; 2-oz., 27s., 216s. doz. (tax, 36s. doz.), inclusive retail price, 30s.; 4-oz., 52s. 6d., 420s. doz. (tax, 7os. doz.), inclusive retail price, 58s. 4d. Brovon tablets, 25s., 3s. 6d., 28s. doz. (tax, 4s. 8d. doz.), inclusive retail price, 3s. 11d.; 100's, 1s. 3s. 6d., 108s. doz. (tax, 18s. doz.), inclusive retail price, 15s.; Haemovin ointment, 3s., 24s. doz. (tax, 4s. doz.), inclusive retail price, 3s. 4d.; Neda fruit cubes, three cubes, 6d., 4s. doz. (tax, 8d. doz.), inclusive retail price, 7d.; six cubes, 10d., 7s. doz. (tax, 1s. 2d. doz.), inclusive retail price, 1s.; twelve cubes, 1s. 6d., 12s. doz. (tax, 2s. doz.), inclusive retail price, 1s. 8d.; twenty-four cubes, 2s. 6d., 20s. doz. (tax, 3s. 4d. doz.), inclusive retail price, 2s. 9d.; Sperol, 3s., 24s. doz. (exempt from tax); Ellopsils, 3s., 24s. doz. (tax, 4s. doz.), inclusive retail price, 3s. 4d.; Basch tablets, 3s., 24s. doz. (tax, 4s. doz.), inclusive retail price, 3s. 4d.; Morovin tablets, 1s., 9d., 14s. doz. (tax, 2s. 4d. doz.), inclusive retail price, 1s. 11d.; Ephisovin, 7s. 6d., 6os. doz. (tax, 1os. doz.), inclusive retail price, 8s. 4d.

PERSONALITIES

MR. JOHN E. HUGHES, M.P.S., F.B.O.A., 88 Brighton Road, Worthing, is now a first-class A.R.P.S. instructor in anti-gas, high explosive and incendiary fire-fighting. Mr. Hughes recently passed through the Falfield, Glos, school of the Ministry of Home Security.

MR. GEOFFREY CUNLIFFE has, at the invitation of the President of the Board of Trade, joined the Industrial and Export Council as a business member, relinquishing office as Aluminium Controller to the Ministry of Aircraft Production, though still available for consultation.

MR. P. GUTHLAC JONES, who was, until a few years ago, chemist in charge of the Board of Trade dyestuffs-testing laboratory, Manchester, has been appointed in a part-time capacity to succeed the late Mr. C. H. Heap as makers' technical adviser; makers' technical representative on the joint technical committee, Association of British Chemical Manufacturers and Colour Users' Association; and secretary, dyestuffs group, Association of British Chemical Manufacturers.

BIRTHS

BELL.—At Osterley, 25 Finchley Avenue, Chelmsford, Essex, recently, Margaret Elizabeth (*née* Simpson), the wife of Mr. George G. P. Bell, M.P.S., of a son.

DEATHS

GIBB.—Recently, Mr. Robert Gibb, M.P.S., Fairholm, St. Mary's Avenue, Crook, co. Durham. Mr. Gibb qualified in 1904.

GIBSON.—Recently, Miss Mary Gibson, Ph.C., Malvern, Delgany, co. Wicklow, aged ninety-one. Miss Gibson passed the Minor examination of the Pharmaceutical Society in 1891 and the Major in 1893.

JACKSON.—Recently, Mr. Thomas Arnold Jackson, M.P.S., 153 Greyhound Road, Hammersmith, London, W.6, aged forty-three.

MATHIESON.—On July 8, Provost Robert Mathieson, M.P.S., 31 High Street, Innerleithen. He was well known as the principal director of Robert Mathieson (Innerleithen), Ltd., which he established.

SWEENEY.—At St. Anne's, Barrhead, on July 6, May Patricia, third daughter of Mr. James Sweeney, M.P.S., 94 Cross Arthurie Street, Barrhead, Glasgow.

TEUNION.—On June 30, Mr. James Teunion, M.P.S., Coatbridge. Mr. Teunion qualified in 1913.

WILCOX.—At 40 Welbeck Street, London, W.1, suddenly, on July 8, Sir William Henry Wilcox, K.C.I.E., C.B., C.M.G., M.D., medical adviser to the Home Office since 1919 and consulting physician to St. Mary's Hospital, London. Sir William was an authority on poisons. His medical training was received at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, where he was senior scholar and where he gained the Cheadle gold medal for research in clinical medicine. At London University he was gold medallist in anatomy, organic chemistry, materia medica, and therapeutics and forensic medicine. His qualifications were M.D., B.Sc. (London), D.P.H., F.R.C.P. (London), and F.I.C. At St. Mary's Hospital he was lecturer on chemical pathology from 1900 to 1930, and on forensic medicine from 1906 to 1935. He was president of the Harveian Society, of the West London Medico-Chirurgical Society in 1923; of the Medico-Legal Society in 1928-29; of the Harveian Society of London in 1922; and of the Medical Society of London in 1936-37. In 1935-36 he was Master of the Society of Apothecaries, and he was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine. From 1928 to 1934 he was examiner in pharmacology and therapeutics to the University of Cambridge. He was visitor for the Privy Council to the examinations of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and a frequent contributor to the medical Press.

YOUNG.—On July 1, Mr. Joseph Young, M.P.S., 97 Eastbourne Avenue, Gateshead-on-Tyne, aged thirty-six.



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PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

Purchase Tax Recovery.—Mr. Touche asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer on July 1 whether a retailer could recover purchase tax paid on articles destroyed by accident or so damaged as to become unsaleable? The reply was that the retailer must look for compensation under his insurance policy.

Bombed-out Traders.—Captain Plugge asked the President of the Board of Trade on July 1 whether he could make any statement on the proposal to establish marquee markets to enable bombed-out traders to continue their business after raids. Captain Waterhouse, in reply, said he could not speak for food shops. So far as other shops were concerned, the Minister was not prepared to make any statement on the matter at present.

Rationed Supplies to Small Shops.—Mr. Rhys Davies asked the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food on July 9 whether it was proposed to deprive small shops of supplies where the number of rationed customers was below twenty-five; whether the proposal was to apply equally to branches of large stores; and to what type of shop those customers would be transferred?

Major Lloyd George: Yes, sir. Retailers, including branches of large stores, who have not more than twenty-five registrations for a rationed commodity, will not be permitted to sell that commodity. The customers affected will be allowed to re-register with another retailer.

Mr. Stephen: Will any compensation be arranged for the small shops?

Major Lloyd George: I do not know what sort of compensation the hon. Member has in mind, but if he will look into the matter he will see that it will affect relatively few people.

Closed on Saturdays.—Advertisers and subscribers are reminded that owing to war conditions the Head Office of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, 28 Essex Street, London, W.C.2, will be closed on Saturdays until further notice. All urgent instructions relating to advertising and subscriptions should be sent to the C. & D., c/o The Pitman Press, Bath, Somerset.

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Proprietary Medicines

SEPTEMBER 2, 1941, will see the end of the medicine stamp duties, an event which will be welcomed by many manufacturers but may be looked upon as a doubtful blessing by certain others, particularly those who have not hitherto disclosed the formula of their proprietary. Considerable doubt exists in the minds of a number of makers as to whether disclosure entails publication on the wrapper and the label of the full formula, together with the quantities; also whether the constituents must be printed in English, Latin or otherwise, and whether the amounts may be shown as percentages, or stated in avoirdupois or apothecaries' measure. The Bill is not clear on these points, but the matter is likely to be elucidated in the Committee stage, as amendments are to be moved by private members to have the statement of the contents of the medicine printed in English or in terms comprehensible to the general public. Other interesting amendments to be put forward at this stage involve a control scheme operated by a Board, and a register of proprietary medicines and their manufacturers. It is suggested that registration of a medicine should be refused or withdrawn where the Minister of Health, on the recommendation of the Control Board, is satisfied that a medicine should not be on sale because of its objectionable composition, price or unreasonable claims for its therapeutic properties.

Section 7 of the Bill is perhaps the one which is exercising the minds of the trade more than any other at the moment. It does not directly affect chemists, but is of great importance to those manufacturers who sell proprietary remedies through other traders than chemists, and also to such unqualified retail traders. In considering the position it must be borne in mind that the intention behind the Bill is patently to recognise legally what is current practice today, and to stabilise the position. As the Minister of Health said on the Second Reading of the Bill: "The effect of the agreement is to substitute a trading privilege for the financial advantage enjoyed by chemists under the present law, and at the same time to enable the normal channels to continue to be used for the sale of proprietary medicines." The Section begins by stating that no person other than a doctor, dentist, authorised seller of poisons or a person who has served a regular apprenticeship to a chemist and is already in business on his own account for the retail sale of drugs may sell a substance recommended as a medicine. Without modification this would have drastically curtailed the sale of proprietary remedies, but the position is changed by the subsection 5. This provides that any person not in the above-mentioned categories charged with selling a proprietary remedy may avail himself of certain defences. He is required to prove that the article concerned was sold in a shop, that it was sold under a proprietary designation, and, in addition, one of three other facts. The first of these alternatives concerns a product not described in the British Pharmacopoeia or the British Pharmaceutical Codex and the other two operate if the substance has been described in a monograph in either publication.

The meaning of the paragraph dealing with the defence when the

product is not in the Pharmacopoeia or Codex is somewhat obscure and will probably be clarified during the passage of the Bill to the Statute Book, but the position aimed at would appear to be that set out in Annexure 2, Schedule 1, of the memorandum submitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer (*C. & D.*, April 12, p. 327) which stated: "Provided that the inclusion (subsequent to the passing of this Act) in the monograph of the B.P. or B.P.C. of the formula as a proprietary medicine shall not affect the status of the proprietary medicine within the meaning of this Act." It would seem therefore that the wording of subsection 7 (1) (a) could be paraphrased somewhat as follows:—

That the substance recommended as a medicine which the article consisted of or comprised was not described in any of the monographs contained in the edition of the British Pharmacopoeia or British Pharmaceutical Codex which was last published before the passing of this Act, or in the edition of the British Pharmacopoeia or British Pharmaceutical Codex which was last published before the date on which the substance was first sold by retail under the proprietary designation, whichever edition is the later.

In the event of a product being described in a monograph of either publication the accused can avail himself of the defence that he has not used in connexion with the article, in addition to the proprietary designation, any word forming part of the description at the head of the monograph. It can also be a defence that, although the proprietary article is the subject of a monograph in the B.P., 1932, or B.P.C., 1934, it is ordinarily being sold by retail under the title, and that although the same proprietary designation is used, not more than two articles are sold under the title, either of which may be described in any other monograph of the B.P. or B.P.C.

This part of the Act has also caused considerable concern to medical herbalists, who have been busy lobbying Members of Parliament and conveying the idea to the public that the Act in its present form is likely to drive them out of business.

We Heartily Agree

The London and Liverpool Chambers of Commerce, jointly, have recently been in correspondence with the Minister of Food (Lord Woolton) on the subject of limiting retail trading, and some of the observations in the Chambers' letter, dated July 10, are illuminating and touch upon a matter which is now very much in the minds of chemists in retail business. The Minister of Food had previously declined to accede to the Chambers' suggestion that traders (in this instance those retailing foodstuffs) should be licensed and that the licence should be granted only to those traders who dealt in this class of goods before the war. In the course of their communication in support of their case the Chambers say: "... the principle of limiting trade to those engaged in it before the war has been accepted by your Department as well as by other Government Departments." If the Chambers' claim is correct, why is it that the Government at this moment is engaged in promoting legislation—the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill—the main effect of which will be to authorise the extension of the sale retail of packed drugs by all classes of traders, which will, of course, include purveyors of foodstuffs, confectioners, tobacconists, barbers and any other retail trader who may think it worth while to supplement his pre-war trading activities with a side-line in proprietaries? If grocers, through the Chamber of Commerce, succeed in convincing Lord Woolton that it is in the public interest to adopt the policy of "every man to his trade" in connexion with the distribution of foodstuffs, we submit that a claim for the adoption of the same policy in respect of the sale of packed drugs is overwhelming.

Concentration of Industry

Considerable progress in the scheme for the concentration of industry was announced by the President of the Board of Trade on July 15 in reply to a question in the House of Commons. The Board, said the President, was now hastening the completion of the concentration measures by itself nominating nucleus firms. The invitation to conclude agreements for concentration contained in the white paper of March last had evoked a very satisfactory response. Altogether nearly 110,000 workers had been released or were being made available for release under arrangements now in hand in the industries concerned. The factory space that had been placed at the disposal of the Controller-General of Factory and Storage Premises totalled some sixteen-and-a-half million sq. ft. A considerable proportion of this space would be immediately available for war production or storage dispersal purposes. The period allowed for the submission of voluntary schemes on the basis prescribed in the white paper had now come to an end. In some of the lesser industries the results aimed at had been substantially achieved, and gratifying progress had been made in large sections of the more important industries affected by the Limitation of Supplies Order or by the rationing of raw materials.

WAR-TIME COSMETIC FORMULAS

IX.—Shampoos, Waving Solutions, etc.

Shampoos.—Although the newer forms of soapless shampoos have gained wide popularity during the past few years, a steady demand still exists for the older types of liquid soap shampoos, particularly in areas which are supplied with soft water. Soap shampoos consist essentially of a clear, aqueous, slightly alkaline solution of soap. The soap content varies, but is usually in the region of 20–25 per cent. Opinions vary as to whether the detergent property of a soap depends on its lathering capacity, but the lay impression that this is so is an argument in favour of formulating the shampoo to produce a copious lather on the hair. Lathering power of a soap shampoo depends on the amount of both alkalis and oils used in its preparation. While the sodium salt of palm oil fatty acid is hard and almost insoluble, the potassium soap is a thick liquid, and the triethanolamine soap is a semi-solid, the two last-named giving a lather of small bubbles. The sodium salt of myristic acid is solid and gives a good lather, while the potassium and triethanolamine myristates are thin liquids, producing a heavy lather. Solutions of the coconut-oil soaps are thin and quickly produce a rich lather. The sodium soap of olive oil fatty acid is semi-liquid, with moderate lathering power, while the potassium soap is a thick liquid, which lathers well, and the triethanolamine soap is thinner with even better lathering property. Soap solutions for shampoos are prepared by splitting up the fats or oils with alkalis by two methods. (1) In the cold method, the fats are melted and mixed with the slightly warmed alkali solution, saponification proceeding by allowing the mixture to stand for about twenty-four hours. (2) In the hot method, which is preferable, the melted fats are heated with the hot alkali solution until completely saponified, neutrality being tested by an indicator such as phenolphthalein. In calculations of the amounts of oils and alkalis required for the shampoo, variations in commercial qualities of these materials should be taken into account, the saponification value of the fat and the purity of the alkali being of importance for accurate formulation. [Saponification = K.O.H. in mgm. required to combine with 1 gm. oil. 1 gm. K.O.H. \equiv 0.714 gm. NaOH \equiv 2.4 gm. (approx.) triethanolamine. 1 gm. coconut oil (s.p. val. 250) + 0.25 gm. K.O.H. \rightarrow 1.15 gm. coconut-oil soap (approx.).] Although coconut-oil soap used alone gives a satisfactory lathering shampoo, its harsh qualities are often modified by the addition of other oils and caustic soda often supplements the caustic potash to thicken the solution.

Soapless Shampoos.—An advantage of soapless shampoos over the older soap solutions is that the former do not produce the sticky alkaline-earth-insoluble soaps with hard water. Soapless shampoos are of two kinds: those which produce a lather in use, and those which do not. The former are solutions of synthetic detergents, while the latter are usually mixtures of sulphonated oils. In the non-lathering type, sulphonated castor oil is largely used with the addition of varying amounts of sulphonated olive oil. To counteract the excessive drying effect of these compounds, a little mineral oil is usually added. Water can also be added to the mixture to produce a more economical product. The finished

SHAMPOOS	
<i>Liquid Soap</i>	
1. Coconut oil .. .	24.2
Potassium hydroxide..	6.3
Borax .. .	0.3
Water .. .	69.2
2. Coconut oil .. .	25.0
Potassium hydroxide..	2.8
Sodium hydroxide..	2.5
Alcohol.. .	12.5
Water .. .	57.2
3. Coconut oil .. .	6.7
Palm oil .. .	6.6
Peach kernel oil ..	3.3
Potassium hydroxide..	4.2
Alcohol.. .	4.2
Water .. .	75.0
<i>Soapless Liquid</i>	
4. Sulphon. lorol liquid TA	30
Conc. inf. of chamomile	10
Water .. .	to 100
<i>Soapless Cream</i>	
5. Stearyl alcohol .. .	2 dr.
Sulphonated lorol TA ..	1 oz.
Mucilage of tragacanth ..	1/2 oz.
Water .. .	1/2 oz.
Melt the stearyl alcohol in a little warm water and stir in the lorol and the rest of the water.	

6. Sulphonated lorol	..	10.0
Tragacanth flake	..	3.0
Glycerin	..	5.0
Starch ..	..	10.0
Talcum ..	..	15.0
Water	to	100.0
<i>Soap Powder</i>		
7. Borax .. .	..	100 gm.
Extract of chamomile	..	25 gm.
Mix, dry the mixture at a gentle heat, and reduce to powder; then add		
Powdered soap	..	900 gm.
Oil of chamomile	..	0.3 gm.
<i>Soapless Powder</i>		
8. Sulphonated lorol	..	40.0
Borax .. .	..	20.0
Boric acid .. .	..	20.0
<i>Dry Shampoo</i>		
9. Powdered potash soap	50.0	
Sodium sesquicarbonate	10.0	
Potassium carbonate..	3.0	
Borax .. .	..	37.0
<i>Liquid Dry Shampoo</i>		
10. Potassium carbonate	12 oz.	
Dry extract of quassia	1 oz.	
Saponin .. .	..	2 dr.
Water .. .	..	2 gall.
Industrial spirit ..	..	3 gall.

product should be neutral or very slightly acid in reaction. The hair should first be properly wetted with water, then thoroughly rubbed with the shampoo and fully rinsed with clean water. Several synthetic substances are normally available under trade names for the lathering type of soapless shampoo, but difficulty may be experienced at the moment in obtaining some of them. To overcome the tendency of certain detergent compounds to remove too much oil from the hair, small amounts of compounds such as cetyl alcohol and sulphonated oils have been added to shampoos. One such, sold under a well-known trade name, is believed to be a mixture of sodium salts of the acid sulphates of the alcohols (chiefly dodecyl alcohol) obtained by the hydrogenation of coconut oil or its free fatty acids. The compound is a light-weight, white powder that dissolves in water giving a frothy solution resembling that of soap (*pH* about 7), producing no precipitate of calcium salts when used with hard water. The compound is available commercially in powder or paste form, and is used in the strength of about 10 gm. in 20 oz. of solution. Its triethanolamine derivative is used in liquid shampoos. Vegetable extracts can be incorporated.

Permanent-waving Solutions.—When hair is heated, the keratin is partly broken down, allowing the hair to assume curly shapes. This effect caused by heat can be accelerated by the use of alkaline solutions on the hair. After the waving solution has remained on the hair for the required time, it is washed off and neutralised with an acid rinse. Cooling and rinsing the hair with acid arrests the softening and stretching effects of the heat and alkali, enabling the hair to retain the waves produced. Care must be taken not to have the alkali content of the solution too high to irritate the scalp. If any colour is used, an alkali-fast dye should be selected. Ingredients such as glycerin and sulphonated oils are sometimes added to soften the hair and reduce excessive dryness following the waving process. For oily, fine or bleached hair, formula No. 11 is preferable. A more universal type of solution is of the kind resulting from formula No. 12 below. It should be remembered that dyed hair may assume strange colours following the application of permanent-waving solutions.

Rinses.—These are simple, aqueous solutions of mild acids, usually organic acids, suitably coloured and perfumed. In the case of the colour rinses, these can be sold in solution or as powders; they contain various cosmetic colours according to the shade of hair to be treated. For powder rinses, the water-soluble cosmetic dye is mixed intimately with the organic acid—about 1 per cent. dye in citric or tartaric acid being a convenient strength.

Setting Lotions.—These quick-selling products can be made easily and cheaply from simple ingredients normally kept in the pharmacy. Various types are popular, such as spirituous, alkaline, or mucilaginous. Among the ingredients used in the mucilaginous type are tragacanth, acacia, karaya, gelatin, quince, Irish moss, alginates, pectin, etc. It should be remembered that pectin is incompatible with alkaline carbonates. Preservatives should be added to all preparations of this nature containing mucilages, and the hydroxybenzoic acids are suitable, 0.1 to 0.25 being used.

PERMANENT-WAVING SOLUTIONS		
11. Sodium sulphite ..	10.0	
Ammonium carbonate ..	8.0	
Ammonia solution, 10%	5.2	
Glycerin ..	0.5	
Powdered acacia ..	0.5	
Water ..	107.0	
<i>Quince seed</i>		
15. Quince seed ..	..	2.25
Propyl parahydroxybenzoate ..	..	0.1
Industrial spirit ..	..	0.3
Water ..	..	97.1
Perfume ..	..	0.25
12. Powdered borax ..	6.0	
Sodium carbonate monohydrate ..	..	1.0
Sodium sulphite ..	4.0	
Ammonium carbonate ..	8.0	
Glycerin ..	1.0	
Sulphonated olive oil ..	2.0	
Water ..	..	106.0
13. Potassium carbonate ..	1 1/2 oz.	
Borax ..	..	1 dr.
Water ..	..	20 oz.
Colour ..	..	as required
<i>Acacia</i>		
16. Acacia, in powder ..	..	0.3
Borax, purified ..	..	8.0
Isopropyl alcohol ..	..	10.0
Water, distilled or rose, to ..	..	100.0
<i>Alkaline</i>		
17. Potassium carbonate ..	2 dr.	
Borax ..	..	2 dr.
Isopropyl alcohol ..	..	5 oz.
Water to ..	..	20 oz.
<i>Spirituous</i>		
18. Tincture of benzoin ..	..	1 oz.
Glycerin ..	..	2 dr.
Industrial spirit ..	..	20 dr.
Water ..	..	7 oz.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

THE monthly meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland was held at 67 Lower Mount Street, Dublin, on July 8, the president (Mr. P. C. Cahill) in the chair. Other members present were Messrs. J. Gleeson, F. J. Fitzpatrick, P. A. Brady, C. J. Cremin, M. J. Kieran, P. Brooke-Kelly, P. J. Fielding, B. P. Hickey, J. A. O'Rourke, M. J. Parkes, T. C. Scott; Dr. J. A. Mitchell, Sir T. Robinson; and Miss F. M. Flood.

Ointment Bases.—Arising out of the minutes of the June meeting, the PRESIDENT informed the Council that he had discussed with Mr. Donald Boyd the question of finding substitutes for ointment bases, several of which were now becoming unprocurable. The position now was that not only could they not get the materials for those ointment bases, but the all-important ingredients for the ointments, such as zinc oxide and boric acid, were also becoming unobtainable.—**MR. P. BROOKE-KELLY:** You will have to look for substitutes.

Preliminary Examination Regulations.—**THE REGISTRAR** (Mr. J. J. Kerr) read the following letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Justice: "I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to previous correspondence regarding the regulations for the Preliminary Examination and to return herewith copy of the resolutions of the Council amending the regulations with the Minister's approval endorsed thereon." The registrar reported that two of the seven proposed regulations sent forward to the Minister had not been approved. The first of these regulations proposed to make it obligatory on and after November 1, 1942, upon apprentices applying for preliminary registration to have matriculated in Irish, English, Latin, mathematics, and physics. The change now proposed was to make physics an obligatory subject. The Minister had deferred taking a decision on this matter until he had the opinion of the Department of Education on the suggested change. With regard to resolution No. 4, which proposed to restrict the number of apprentices, or pupils, which a pharmacist might take, this resolution, **THE REGISTRAR** explained, had been held to be *ultra vires* and had not been approved by the Minister. The terms of the resolution were as follows: "That the following new regulation (No. XIX) be inserted after Regulation XVIII (page 81 of the Book of Acts and Regulations): On and after July, 1, 1941, the number of pupils that may be employed in any shop shall not exceed one where there is one pharmaceutical chemist, or licentiate apothecary whole time engaged in said shop. When there is more than one pharmaceutical chemist, or licentiate apothecary engaged whole time, the number of pupils that may be employed shall not exceed one for each pharmaceutical chemist, or licentiate apothecary so engaged. For the purposes of this Regulation, the description 'pupil' shall mean and intend a person serving an engagement of four years, or two or more lesser terms amounting to four years, as an Apprentice or Assistant as required by Regulation III (pages 71-73 of Book of Acts and Regulations), or in accordance with the requirements of Sections 8 or 10 of the Pharmacy Act (Ireland), 1875, Amendment Act, 1890. This Regulation shall not apply to apprenticeships commenced before July 1, 1941, provided that they are registered in accordance with the Regulations XI and XII, as amended, within sixty days of the said date."

MR. FITZPATRICK said that in view of the Minister's statement that this last resolution was *ultra vires*, they could not give the matter too much publicity in their reports, because a lot of people were making unjust attacks on the Council over this question. Wishful thinking would not get them anywhere against Acts of Parliament, and it ought to be made clear now that the Council could not do anything. It really boiled down to this, that the remedy lay in each chemist's own hands. He need not take any apprentices.

MR. O'ROURKE asked what about the man who took two or three apprentices.

MR. FITZPATRICK said if such a man took the point of view of a sensible man, he would not take them. He knew the moment they sent that resolution to the Minister that it was *ultra vires*, and could have told the Council so, but he wished to give them an opportunity of trying out the position.

THE PRESIDENT: If we have got to depend on everybody taking up that attitude, we would not want any law at all.

MR. O'ROURKE: I think there should be some rule which would apply to all. It is no use leaving this to each one's voluntary act. There are a great many people who will do nothing like this voluntarily.

THE REGISTRAR mentioned that he intended to publish a notice in the daily Press with regard to the regulations approved, and to point out that these new regulations were something entirely apart from the preliminary registration; and, further, that if an apprentice did not furnish the particulars required under the new regulations, his apprenticeship would not count. One other matter he wished to emphasise, and that was that apprentices should send in the name on their birth certificate. No other name could be legally accepted for registration purposes.

MR. BRADY thought it would be helpful if the Irish Drug Association, through its circulars, drew attention to these new regulations, even though the obligations were on the apprentices rather than the employers.

MR. CREMEN suggested notifying apprentices who had already received preliminary registration, and **MR. PARKES** favoured notifying all apprentices.

MR. FITZPATRICK said if the matter was left to Mr. Kerr and the office, nothing would be left undone to notify apprentices of the new regulations.

MR. CREMEN: That is all we want.

MR. O'ROURKE: In the report of this discussion, it might be no harm to show that apprentices would have a cause of action against their

employers if the employers failed to notify them of their obligations under these regulations.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, what about this restriction of apprentices regulation?

MR. FITZPATRICK: We all think there are too many apprentices in the business, and we are all sympathetic to the objects of this regulation; but I am charged with wanting to fill the place with students in order to have a satisfactory balance sheet. That is not so. I am a bread-and-butter pharmacist, and I would like to see one-tenth of the number coming in. If the chemists have common sense they will not take in any more apprentices, and we will not have them coming in.

The Council agreed to explore the matter further to see, by way of amending legislation, or otherwise, how far it would be possible to restrict the entry of apprentices as envisaged in the regulation, which had not been approved.

Difficulty over Subpoena.—**THE REGISTRAR** drew the Council's attention to a case which had been reported to him in which a solicitor served a subpoena on a pharmacist in the afternoon to appear as a witness in a High Court case the next morning. The pharmacist in question was in the dilemma of choosing between leaving the pharmacy without a qualified person in charge, or not answering the subpoena, and had got in touch with him to ask his advice. He advised the pharmacist, who could not get a qualified substitute at such short notice, not to attend, but to write to the Court explaining the position, and intimating that if reasonable notice were given it would have been possible to attend by arranging for a substitute to carry on the business.—It was decided to obtain the law adviser's opinion on the matter.

Other Matters.—**MR. M. L. CASHMAN, M.P.S.I.** notified his change, of address to Post Office Buildings, Rathmines, Dublin.—The following who submitted matriculation certificates were granted preliminary registration: Misses E. M. McMahon, C. Golden, M. T. O'Driscoll; and Messrs. G. F. Alley and M. O'Donoghue.—The reports of the House, Law Schools, Certificates, and Declarations Committees were submitted and approved. The report of the last-mentioned showed that forty-four candidates presented themselves for the July Licence examination, and two candidates for the Registered Druggist examination, both of whom passed.—On the motion of **MR. GLEESON**, seconded by **MR. SCOTT**, it was agreed that the fees for repeating classes be fixed as follows: Chemistry, £4 4s.; Pharmacy, £4 4s.; Botany and Materia Medica, £1 1s. 6d.—The following were elected members of the Society: Messrs. E. L. Grubb, P. J. Dalton, and P. B. Joy.—**MR. R. J. SINNOTT**, c/o 43 The Quay, Waterford, was nominated for membership.—The Licence certificates of the following were signed and sealed: Eugene Joseph Browne, Margaret Rose Maguire, and Matilda Margaret Walshe.

At a meeting of the Benevolent Fund Committee, held after the Council meeting, one grant was passed for payment.

RECENT RESEARCH

A New Buttermilk.—A new form of buttermilk with important advantages has been introduced by Professor Daniel B. Smillie (Dairy School for Scotland). Since mechanical separation of cream was introduced buttermilk has ceased to be an attractive dish to the average consumer, but available supplies have been absorbed in the baking industry and the present discovery offers the prospect of a greatly increased supply. The discovery consists of extracting albumen from the whey and subjecting it to treatment which imparts a fresh white colour to the product, and all the pungency of flavour that is associated with natural buttermilk of the days before mechanical separation. The new buttermilk is produced in the ratio of 1:6 of the original whey. The five gallons of whey which remain retain all the lactose and thus provide suitable material either for manufacture of lactose products or for stock feeding.

Stereoisomers of Lactic Acid.—A quantitative procedure for the measurement of the relative amounts of the two stereoisomers in preparations of lactic acid is described by Moore, Dimler and Link in "Industrial and Engineering Chemistry" (13, III, 160). The method described is applicable, with an error of less than 1.0 in the percentage composition, to samples containing as little as 0.2 gm. of lactic acid. The procedure depends on the condensation of lactic acid with *o*-phenylenediamine at 135° C. in the presence of phosphoric and hydrochloric acids to form 2-(*o*-hydroxyethyl)-benzimidazole. The derivative is isolated by quantitative precipitation as the crystalline silver salt. Regeneration of the benzimidazole gives a solution whose specific rotation is used for the calculation of the *d-l* composition of the original lactic acid sample. The use of the benzimidazole derivative of lactic acid offers the following advantages over the zinc salt: a fourfold increase in rotation ($[\alpha]_D = -32.7$), negligible variation of rotation with concentration, and absence of fractionation of isomers during the preparation and isolation of the derivative, which exhibits the general amphoteric properties of this type of heterocyclic compound. With acids and strong alkalies it forms mainly soluble salts.

TRADE REPORT

Spot quotations recorded for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs and essential oils represent the prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. quotations do not include marine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges payable in the present emergency

28 Essex Street, W.C.2, July 16

BUSINESS on the London markets has been much less in volume during the past week, owing not so much to lack of demand as to inability to meet consumers' requirements in some of the leading products. Under present conditions replacements are coming to hand but slowly. Importers are limiting sales as much as possible in order to conserve stocks which, in some cases, are at a rather low level, with some uncertainty, from one cause or another, as to when fresh arrivals will be available. The PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMICALS markets have been quiet, but the general tone remains steady. Rather firmer conditions obtain for BARBITONE and SODIUM BARBITONE. CAFFEINE remains at the new prices recorded last week. A complete scale of the new prices for COCAINE is now available. MAGNESIUM TRISILICATE has advanced in price. PHOTOGRAPHIC CHEMICALS are unchanged. SALOL is firmer. Home prices for SANTONIN are advanced.

Crude Drugs

Most of the business transacted in these products during the week has come from the consuming trades, but the turnover has been rather less than that of recent weeks. Prices generally remain firm and in some cases advances are noted. The position of AGAR is about unchanged, three different sets of prices ruling for unrestricted, pharmaceutical and bacteriological material respectively. Spot prices of Curaçao ALOES are nominal in the absence of stocks; new-crop prices are not yet to hand. Rather more inquiry is noted for BENZOIN. Forward offers of new-crop CASCARA SAGRADA peel are still awaited. Mombasa CHILLIES show a small rise in price, but the other varieties remain at former figures. Slightly higher prices are being asked for Zanzibar CLOVES. The position of DAMIANA LEAVES is likely to remain acute as no further supplies may be available until the new crop is ready at the end of the year. Forward quotations for new-crop Portuguese ERGOT are again easier. Chinese MENTHOL has been in active demand, but prices are steadier. The upward movement in PEPPERS continues, with a further small rise on the week. More supplies of RHUBARB are now available on the spot. Shipment prices of SENEGA are reported to be advancing rapidly, owing to a short crop. SHELLAC is again dearer in all positions. TURMERIC is quoted at higher figures. WAXES are quiet and steady.

Essential Oils

These markets have been quiet, with values of most products fully maintained. ANISE is again dearer, supplies being restricted. Business in BAY has been slow, but values are steady. CANANGA is firmly held. Quotations for English-drawn CLOVE are at the higher levels recorded last week. There is no change in the position of EUCALYPTUS. LEMONGRASS is firmly held at the recent advance. There are no changes in the controlled prices of GROUNDNUT and LINSEED. Supplies of MANDARIN are scarce and prices would have to be negotiated. Values of NUTMEG are steady, but supplies are small. Quotations for PALMAROSA continue nominal. A heavy demand has been received for Chinese PEPPERMINT, but sellers are difficult to find. East Indian SANDALWOOD is unchanged. WORMSEED, in small supply, is quoted slightly dearer.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals

ASPIRIN.—Steady; business fair. Makers' prices per lb. are: 10 cwt., 2s. 7d.; 5 cwt., 2s. 8d.; 1 cwt., 2s. 8½d.; 28 lb., 3s. 4d.; 14 lb., 3s. 5d.; 7 lb., 3s. 6d.; 4 lb., 3s. 7d.; 1 lb., 3s. 10½d. TABLETS.—Makers' prices for bulk quantities are unchanged: Under 5,000, 3s. 1d.; 5,000, 2s. 11½d.; 10,000, 2s. 10½d.; 25,000, 2s. 8½d.; 50,000, 2s. 7½d.; 100,000, 2s. 6½d.; 250,000, 2s. 6d.; 500,000, 2s. 5½d.; 1,000,000, 2s. 4½d.; 2,000,000, 2s. 3½d. per 1,000.

ATROPINE.—Steady at makers' prices: ALKALOID, 2s. per oz.; 4 oz., 20s. 6d.; and 25 oz., 20s. per oz. SULPHATE, 16s. 6d. per oz.; 4 oz., 16s., and 25 oz., 15s. 6d. per oz. Bottles, under 5-gm. or 4-oz., corked, 3d.; stoppered, 5d.; 5-gm. to 25-gm. or 4-oz., corked, 3½d.; stoppered, 6d.; 25-gm. or 1-oz., corked, 3½d.; stoppered, 7d.; 50-gm. or 2-oz., corked, 4d.; stoppered, 9d. each; 100-gm. and over, included in price; tubes, per 100, 5-gr., 10s. 6d.; 10-gr., 12s. 3d.; 15-gr., 14s.

BARBITONE.—Firmer. Dealers would require between 30s. and 33s. per lb., according to quantity. SODIUM BARBITONE.—About 32s. to 35s. per lb.

BORAX.—Makers continue to quote B.P. powder at £35 10s. per ton, and crystals at 10s. per ton less, in one-cwt. bags, carriage paid in Great Britain, for minimum one-ton lots.

BORIC ACID.—Steady at makers' prices: Powder, B.P., £52 10s. per ton; crystals, £51 10s. per ton, in one-cwt. bags, carriage paid in Great Britain, for minimum one-ton lots.

CAFFEINE.—Steady at the prices quoted last week.

CITRATES.—Steady at makers' prices: POTASSIUM, B.P., 28 lb., 2s. 5d.; 14 lb., 2s. 6½d.; 7 lb., 2s. 7½d.; 4 lb., 2s. 9½d.; under 4 lb., 3s. per lb. SODIUM, B.P., one penny per lb. below, and IRON AND AMMONIUM (SCALES), B.P., threepence per lb. over above prices. Packages extra.

COCAINE.—British makers' prices for wholesale bulk quantities are as follows: HYDROCHLORIDE and NITRATE, 25 oz. and over, 35s. 8d.; 16 oz. and less than 25 oz., 36s. 10d.; over 8 oz. and less than 16 oz., 38s. per oz. ALKALOID, CITRATE, and SALICYLATE, 25 oz. and over, 39s. 1d.; 16 oz. and less than 25 oz., 40s. 4d.; over 8 oz. and less than 16 oz., 41s. 7d. per oz., 16-oz. packages free, smaller packing extra. The scale of prices

applicable to distributors of smaller quantities is as follows: HYDROCHLORIDE and NITRATE, 8 oz., 40s.; 4 oz. and less than 7 oz., 40s. 7d.; 2 oz. and less than 4 oz., 41s. 6d.; 1 oz. and less than 2 oz., 42s. 7d.; ½ oz. and less than 1 oz., 44s. 2d.; ¼ oz. and less than ½ oz., 47s. 3d. per oz. ALKALOID, CITRATE and SALICYLATE, 8 oz., 43s. 5d.; 4 oz. and less than 8 oz., 44s.; 2 oz. and less than 4 oz., 44s. 1d.; 1 oz. and less than 2 oz., 46s. 2d.; ½ oz. and less than 1 oz., 47s. 9d.; ¼ oz. and less than ½ oz., 50s. 10d. per oz., packages extra. Re-sale: Sales are subject to buyer's undertaking not to re-sell any quantity below scale current at time of sale. Export prices vary according to destination.

MAGNESIUM CARBONATE.—As noted last week, the official price for heavy has been advanced to 106s., and of light to 77s. 6d. per cwt.

MAGNESIUM TRISILICATE.—Makers announce an advance in prices, as follows:

	In Containers of					
	1 lb.	2 lb.	4 lb.	7 lb.	14 lb.	28 lb.
1 lb. and under 4 lb.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
4 lb. " " 7 lb.	3 7	3 5½	—	—	—	—
7 lb. " " 14 lb.	3 6	3 4½	3 4½	—	—	—
14 lb. " " 28 lb.	3 5	3 3½	3 3½	3 2½	3 1½	—
28 lb. " 1 cwt.	3 4	3 2½	3 2½	3 1½	3 0½	3 0
Not less than 1 cwt.	2 10	2 8½	2 8½	2 7½	2 7½	2 7
" " 5 cwt.	2 8	2 6½	2 6½	2 5½	2 5½	2 5
" " 10 cwt.	2 6	2 4½	2 4½	2 3½	2 3½	2 3

Contracts may be booked for 1 cwt. and over, with rise-and-fall clause. It is a condition of sale that buyers undertake not to re-sell at prices under scale for such quantities current at time re-sale is made. Packages returnable and extra.

PHENAZONE.—Firm at around 18s. 6d. to 23s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity; business is slow.

SACCHARIN.—Convention rate remains at 98s. 4d. per lb. for 550 materials, duty paid. Neither wholesale nor retail prices are officially controlled.

SALICYLIC ACID (B.P.).—Steady. Makers quote as follows: 5 cwt., 1s. 8d. per lb.; 1 cwt., 1s. 8½d.; 28 lb., 2s. 0½d., in 28 lb. parcels; 14 lb., 2s. 6½d.; 7 lb., 2s. 7½d.; 4 lb., 2s. 9½d. Can be assorted with sodium salicylate.

SALOL.—Firmer, with values now at about 8s. to 8s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

SANTONIN.—Home prices have been increased as follows: 15 kilos and over, £46 10s.; not less than 10 kilos, £47 5s.; not less than 5 kilos, £48 5s.; less than 5 kilos, £50 per kilo, delivered free in the United Kingdom; 1-kilo tins free.

STRYCHNINE SALTS.—No change in British makers' official scale: Hydrochloride, 500 oz. and over, 2s. 6½d. per oz.; 100 oz. and under 500 oz., 2s. 8d.; under 100 oz., 2s. 9½d. Wholesale distributors' prices for small quantities would be dearer.

THEOBROMINE.—Steady at the new prices quoted last week.

Crude Drugs

AGAR.—The position in this market is about unchanged. Some business has been done on spot in unrestricted material at 22s. per lb., with further supplies available at 22s. 6d. Small quantities afloat will be available for pharmaceutical purposes at around 16s. to 17s. per lb. Some afloat parcels for bacteriological use are offered at 13s. to 14s. per lb.; landed and duty paid.

ALOES.—Spot prices for Curaçao continue nominal in the absence of supplies; new-crop offers are awaited. Cape, spot, about 55s. to 57s. 6d. per cwt., ex store.

ANTIMONY.—Remains firm, with satisfactory business passing. The price of English regulus remains at £102 10s. per ton, delivered, for minimum 99 per cent.; foreign regulus, unchanged at £93 per ton, duty paid; Chinese, nominal.

BALSAMS.—Spot quotations for Tolu are steady at about 8s. 6d. per lb.; Canada, approximately 7s. 9d. per lb.; Copaiba, B.P., about 3s. 6d. per lb., if available; Peru, 7s. 3d. and 7s. 6d. per lb.

BENZOIN.—Steady, with rather more inquiry received. Sumatra, spot from £5 15s. to £7 per cwt., ex store.

BISMUTH METAL.—Minimum lots of 5 cwt. of the metal are quoted at one dollar 25 cents per lb.

BUCHU.—Steady, with small inquiry. Spot, about 3s. 2d. to 3s. 4d. per lb. for good green rounds; shipment, new-crop, about 2s. 7½d. per lb. for f.a.q.

CAMPHOR.—Spot demand has been rather better this week. Japanese, slabs, in small supply, about 5s. 4d. per lb., nominal; flowers, about 5s. 4d. nominal. A parcel of Chinese crude, just landed, is available at 4s. 9d. per lb., duty paid. English refined, steady, as follows: Flowers, one cwt., 6s. 3d.; 28 lb., 6s. 4d.; less than 28 lb., 6s. 5d. per lb. Transparent tablets, 4 oz.: One cwt., 6s. 9d.; 28 lb., 6s. 10d.; less than 28 lb., 6s. 11d. per lb.

CANTHARIDES.—The spot price of Chinese, if available, would be approximately 7s. per lb.

CARDAMOMS.—Steady, but quiet. Bombay seed, spot, about 5s. 5d. per lb.; Mangalore seed, 4s. 9d.; Aleppy greens, 4s. 3d. per lb.

CASCARA SAGRADA.—Forward offers of new-crop are still awaited. Spot is unchanged at from 140s. per cwt. upwards, according to age of bark.

CHILLIES.—Spot values of Mombasa show a rise to 165s. per cwt., sellers; other varieties steady. Sierra Leone, 160s., and Sudan, 155s., duty paid.

CINCHONA BARK.—Firm on spot, with dealers asking about 1s. 11d. per lb. for *Calisaya*.

CLOVES.—Firm, with spot values of Zanzibar at a slightly higher level, quotations being at 2s. per lb., buyers; shipment, grade 2, nominal. Madagascar, unquoted.

COLOCYNTH.—Inquiry continues fair, but supplies are restricted. Fine white pulp would be worth about 3s. 6d. per lb. on spot.

DAMIANA LEAVES.—Quotations remain nominal in the absence of stocks. It is doubtful if further supplies will be available before the new crop is ready at the end of the year.

DANDELION ROOT.—Small supplies of Indian are quoted at around 155s. per cwt., ex store.

DERRIS ROOT.—A fair inquiry is being received, and prices are steady. Spot, 4 per cent. rotenone, about 1s. 3d. per lb.; slightly lower, about 1s. 2d. per lb.; 18 per cent. ether extract, tested, about 1s. per lb.

DRAGONS BLOOD.—Fair re-boiled is quoted on spot at approximately £27 per cwt., ex store.

ERGOT.—Forward quotations for new-crop Portuguese are again easier at around 7s. per lb., c.i.f.; spot quotations are also rather lower at about 9s. 6d. per lb.

GAMBoge.—Good-quality Siam pipe would be worth about £30 per cwt. on spot, but dealers report business slow.

GINGER.—West African, spot, 170s. per cwt., sellers. Cochin, unwashed, afloat, 140s. per cwt., c.i.f.

GUM ACACIA.—Firm at about 120s. per cwt. for Kordofan cleaned sorts, ex store; shipment, about 54s. per cwt., c.i.f. Bleached, spot, from 300s.

HONEY.—Maximum prices per cwt. for imported (c.i.f.) are as follows: Produced in Canada, 65s.; in any British Dependency in the West Indies (including British Honduras), 65s.; Australia, 65s.; New Zealand, 70s.; Tanganyika, 45s. As noted last week, prices of the new season's production are to be controlled.

HYDRASTIS.—Business is quiet, with prices about steady. Tested, spot, about 20s. to 21s. per lb., according to test; untested, spot, approximately 18s. 6d. per lb.

YPECACUANHA.—Quiet. Matto Grosso, spot, about 17s. 6d. to 17s. 9d. per lb., ex store; shipment, about 13s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f. Minas, spot, about 11s. 6d. to 12s. per lb., according to test and seller; shipment, about 10s. to 10s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f., according to shipper. Ext. IPECAC. 110g., 26s. per lb., for minimum lots of twelve winchesters.

LOBELIA HERB.—Dealers quote at about 1s. 9d. to 1s. 10d. per lb., according to quantity.

MENTHOL.—Steady, with spot business done in Chinese at 38s. to 40s. per lb., according to brand and seller; shipment, July-August, about 27s. to 28s. per lb., c.i.f., according to shipper. Japanese, a few odd cases may be available on spot at about 40s. per lb.

MERCURY.—The maximum selling prices are prescribed under the Control of Mercury (No. 6) Order for bottles of 76 lb. and for smaller quantities. Instructions for ascertaining these prices were given in the C. & D., May 10, p. 295.

NUTMEGS.—Firm; values unchanged. Spot, Eastern browns, 65s., 2s. 4d. per lb.; 80s., 2s. 2d.; West Indian, sound unassorted, 1s. 9d.; 80s., 2s. 2d.; 90s., 2s.; wormy and broken, 1s. 7d., nominal.

ORANGE PEEL.—About 2s. 1d. to 2s. 2d. per lb. would be the spot value of small supplies of bitter quarters; thin-cut, if available, would be worth about 4s. per lb.

PEPPERS.—All varieties again show a fractional rise on the week. Lampong, spot, in bond, 9½d. per lb., buyers; Tellicherry, spot, 9½d., sellers; Aleppy, spot, 9½d. value. White Muntok, firm; spot, in bond, 1s. 3d. per lb., paid and buyers; shipment, unquoted.

PIMENTO.—Quiet and unchanged. Spot, 2s. rd. per lb., sellers; shipment, new-crop, July-August, 170s. per cwt., c.i.f., nominal.

PYRETHRUM.—Kenya flowers are quoted by dealers at about 175s. to 185s. per cwt., ex store. The price to importers of large quantities would be at appropriately lower figures.

QUASSIA CHIPS.—Dealers' spot quotations for small supplies remain at about 35s. per cwt., ex store.

QUILLAI A BARK.—Dealers' spot quotations for very limited supplies would be in the region 105s. to 110s. per cwt., ex store.

RHUBARB.—Supplies of rough-round are now available on spot at about 5s. 9d. to 6s. 3d. per lb. A parcel of rough-round high-dried landed is offered at 6s. 6d. per lb. Shensi, spot, about 8s. to 8s. 6d. per lb.

RUBBER.—Steady. Standard ribbed smoked sheet, spot, 13½d., buyers; 13½d., sellers; August-December, 13½d., buyers; 13½d., sellers. It is announced that a fee of 4d. per lb. will be paid to all dealer members of the Rubber Trade Association of London for rubber which the Rubber Control buys through them.

SEEDS.—ANISE.—Turkish, spot, 140s., duty paid, ex store Liverpool. CANARY.—No spot stocks available. CARAWAY.—Dutch, spot, nominal, 28s., duty paid. CORIANDER.—Morocco, spot, quoted at 140s., duty paid. CUMIN.—Malta, spot, 147s. 6d., duty free; Morocco, nominal at

145s., duty paid; Indian, 130s., duty free. DILL.—Indian, spot, 85s., duty free, ex store Hull. FENNEL.—Indian, spot, 85s., duty free; Iran, 87s. 6d., duty paid. FENUGREEK.—Morocco, spot, 47s. 6d., duty paid, ex store London or Liverpool. MUSTARD.—English, 100s., as to quality.

SENEGA.—Reports from the source indicate that the crop is short and that prices are advancing rapidly, the last figure mentioned being in region of 4s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f. Spot, in restricted supply, remains at around 5s. 3d. per lb.

Senna.—Firm, with quotations at former levels. Tinnevelly, spot, supply small. No. 1 leaves, 10d. per lb.; No. 2 leaves, 6½d.; No. 3 leaves, 5d. per lb. Hand-picked Tinnevelly pods, if available, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. per lb.; manufacturing pods, 9d. to 10d. per lb. Alexandrian hand-picked pods, a few small lots available at 2s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per lb.; manufacturing quality, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 9d. per lb.

SHELLAC.—Quoted dearer and now steady. Spot, standard TN orange, 142s. 6d.; fine orange, 150s. to 200s.; pure button, 175s. nominal, per cwt. Shipment, TN, 152s. 6d. c.i.f., nominal.

SLIPPERY ELM BARK.—Some occasional business is being done. Dealers quote grinding quality at about 1s. 2d. per lb., and mixed bundles at about 2s. 1½d. per lb. on spot.

TRAGACANTH.—Quotations for medium grades are as follows: No. 1, white, £140; No. 2, white, £115; No. 3, white, £100; pale leaf, £84; amber leaf, £57; red leaf, from £25; woody and hoggy, from £15, ex store.

TURMERIC.—Madras finger, spot, quoted, 75s. to 80s. per cwt.

VALERIAN ROOT.—Indian, quoted at about 150s. per cwt., ex store.

WAXES.—All varieties quiet but steady. BEES'.—Spot, 235s.; in bond, 215s.; shipment, Dar-es-Salaam, nominal at 187s. 6d. Japanese, first three brands, spot, duty paid, 170s.; in bond, 155s.; shipment, nominal. CARNAUBA.—Spot, fatty, grey, 435s.; chalky grey, 425s.; Princeira, 500s.

WITCH HAZEL (LIQUID EXTRACT).—Spot, 10s. 3d. per Imperial gallon, duty paid.

Essential and Expressed Oils

ANISE (STAR).—Values show a further increase on the week; supplies are restricted. Spot, tins in cases, about 15s. per lb.; drums, about 14s. 6d. per lb.

BAY.—Steady but quiet; spot value unchanged at approximately 7s. 6d. to 8s. per lb., ex store.

BOIS DE ROSE.—Inquiry has been small, but prices are firmly maintained. Spot, about 17s. 6d. per lb.

CAJUPUT.—Continues steady, with only a small trade passing. Spot, approximately 7s. per lb.

CANANGA.—Spot prices dearer at 32s. 6d. to 37s. 6d. per lb.

CEDARWOOD.—Firm. American oil, on the spot, would be worth about 2s. 4d. to 3s. per lb., according to quantity.

CINNAMON LEAF.—Values continue firm, but business is slow. Spot, about 5s. to 5s. 6d. per lb.

CLOVE.—Firm, with quotations for English-made oil maintained at the higher price of 15s. to 16s. per lb.

EUCALYPTUS.—Position shows no change, with spot steady at recent figures. Spot, about 4s. to 4s. 6d. per lb. for 70 to 75 per cent., according to holder, and about 4s. 6d. to 4s. 9d. per lb. for 80 to 85 per cent.

GERANIUM.—Spot value of both Bourbon and Algerian remains steady at approximately 75s. per lb.

JUNIPER BERRY.—Spot quotations for small lots are in the region of 30s. per lb.

LAVENDER.—In small inquiry, with values steady. Spot, about 7os. to 8os. per lb. for good-quality oil.

LEMONGRASS.—Spot quotations were recently advanced, and are now steady at about 9s. 6d. to 10s. upwards per lb.

LIME.—The spot value of genuine West Indian would be in the region of 32s. per lb., but stocks appear to be limited.

MANDARIN.—Supplies are scarce and prices a matter for negotiation.

MUSTARD.—British-made synthetic oil is available at about 20s. per lb.

NUTMEG.—Only small supplies appear to be available. Values are steady at around 24s. per lb.

ORANGE.—Californian sweet is quoted for shipment at a price which shows a lay down cost of 9s. 6d. per lb., ex store. Prices of Rhodesian and other grades would be a matter for negotiation.

PALMAROSA.—Spot price continues nominal at about 25s. per lb.

PATCHOULI.—Singapore, on spot, would be worth about 45s. to 50s. per lb.; Seychelles, about 40s. to 45s. per lb.

PEPPERMINT.—Demand has been on an exceptional scale this week, with buyers willing to pay 30s. per lb. for the Chinese oil, but sellers are difficult to find. A few odd cases of Japanese are stated to be available on spot at about 30s. to 32s. American, about 35s. per lb., ex store.

PETITGRAIN.—Spot quotations are nominal at about 17s. 6d. per lb.

SANDALWOOD.—Genuine East Indian Mysore, in one-case lots, is quoted at 25s. per lb.

SASSAFRAS.—Dealers' spot prices for genuine natural oil are steady at approximately 14s. per lb.

SPERMINT.—Dealers quote American oil at about 21s. per lb. on spot.

THYME.—Quiet, with values steady. Spot, about 14s. per lb. for good-quality oil; other grades would be at lower prices.

WINTERGREEN (GENUINE).—Spot quotations are unchanged at around 11s. 6d. to 14s. per lb.

WORMSEED.—Small supplies are quoted by dealers at the slightly dearer price of 23s. per lb.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondents may adopt an assumed name, but must in all cases furnish their real name and address to the Editor

Pharmacy and Medicines Bill.—The declaration of the formulas of patent medicines is intended to help the purchasers to discriminate between the good and the bad. This belief must surely be discouraged by the realisation of the fact that the formulas of many of the popular patent medicines have for some time been published on the containers, and this has not caused any apparent effect on their sales. To the great majority of the users the formulas are meaningless, and while they could ask their chemists to advise them as to the composition, they do not do so. I believe, Sir, that the publication of the formulas is not in itself enough, and I would suggest that it be made obligatory to incorporate on the label some such words as: "Ask your doctor or chemist to advise you as to this or any other patent medicine." And also that the sale of these medicines be restricted only to chemists—as they are qualified to guide the potential buyer in the exercise of that discrimination which is the declared object of the Bill.—*M. Conway, M.P.S., Manchester.*

As a pharmacist I wish to see the continued recognition of the "Pharmaceutical Formulas Dispensatory," and have therefore thought fit to write to you on one or two points connected with same in support of any effort made by the *C. & D.* in this direction. The disclosure of the formula on the label should be for the information of the trade and authorities, not for the general public. Such disclosures should not be made in English since this would encourage the inexperienced to dabble in medicines and their manufacture; all disclosures should be in medicinal terms. While one effect of the Bill is to dispense with the privilege we have had under "known, admitted and approved" remedies, there appears to be no reason why any Dispensatory which has been recognised in the past by H.M. Customs and Excise should discontinue to be so recognised. Consequently, where a pharmacist uses the appropriate letters and number on a label as reference to a preparation contained therein it should be a disclosure for the purpose.—*Leonard W. Mills, Downend, Bristol.*

I have read with interest your correspondents' opinions in last week's *C. & D.* (pp. 13 to 16), and agree with most of them. I have tried in vain to find anything in the Bill that is going to improve materially the lot of pharmacists in business. My experience goes back now upwards of fifty years in the drug trade, and as I see it there is far more need now for the limitation of the sale of medicines to qualified chemists than was the case fifty years ago, yet very little has been done for the pharmacist, not to mention the protection of the public, as it were, against themselves. The increase during the past fifty years of the number of what are termed "patent" drugs with comparatively small doses has been tremendous, yet far too few of these are limited in sale to people trained to understand them. Why some simple legislation is not made that would make it impossible for many or all of these to be exposed for sale and sold even by children in confectioners, oil shops and by back-street vendors has always been a puzzle to me. In my opinion, in the interests of the general public it should have been done long ago. It should not be necessary to have an internal organisation to prevent many drugs and proprietaries being handled by all and sundry.—*J. Milner, London, S.E.*

Regarding the three main principles which would seem to be embodied in the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill, the proposed widening of the scope of retail distribution is a matter in which we are not particularly interested. Section No. 2, however, dealing with restrictions on advertising, comes to some extent within our sphere of interest. Our own views strongly incline towards control of claims which would seem to be the purpose of this Bill, and the only amendment we would suggest is that a considerable extension of the various diseases referred to could be made. In the case of Section No. 3, here again we should not be prepared to dispute the advantages which would probably accrue from the inclusion of the section of the Bill, making disclosure of contents essential. We believe that such would be of benefit to the community as a whole, and would go some way towards checking the extravagant and fraudulent claims for certain preparations of a comparatively useless type which, in pre-war days, were so extensively advertised, obviously with a view of influencing that portion of the population not perhaps possessing first-grade intelligence. The whole Bill, therefore, contains nothing to which we should be prepared to take exception and, in fact, we express the contrary view and suggest that it is a piece of legislation very much overdue.—*British Colloids, Ltd., Park Royal, London, N.W.10.*

Last week's *C. & D.* was a feast of opinion and comment on the amending Bill, and it is evident that there is already much doubt and speculation as to what certain things mean. It seems to me to boil down to this: (1) anyone can sell single herbs, mineral water (natural or artificial), and proprietary medicines not containing poison, without let or hindrance; (2) anyone who is "authorised" (co-ops with pharmacies are), may, by paying a registration fee, do all indicated above and additionally sell "drugs," subject to the restrictions set out. The most important restriction seems to be that embodied between (1)(e), and (1)(4), which indicates that "Packed at Central Pharmacy" or a similar link up with the fully authorised address will not be legal. Evading phrases can be found, but some expenditure on labels is indicated; (3) anyone (or just about) can, by paying a local registration fee, sell Part 2 poisons, which activity can be added to either of the two paragraphs above. Pharmacy, private, multiple and co-operatives alike, gets ever more entangled in masses of legislation, a living in it has for far too long had to depend on trade (and often sordid and miserable trade). A fifteen-penny "quack" handed over by "t' lad" earns as much as the N.H.I. script, with its scraping of labels and scrutinies for this and that regulation. We all know it at the bottom. A few supermen get five bob for five pennyworth of bunk and rejoice alike in Madame's quest for beauty, or the pathetic striving of an old soul to scrape enough

to get the doubtful relief held out by some miraculous potion. They're not supermen—just "smart Alecks." The bulk of us are pretty human, we're trained, we're anxious to serve; I don't think we're particularly interested in fortunes out of others' misfortunes. We want a bit of regard, the right to apply ourselves, our knowledge and our consciences, but since we must eat and since our past was unaccountably weak, we find ourselves as commission men to high finance—but the commission is called "profit margin." We muddle through with a trimming of certificates, and a key or two, to prove that we're not really corner-shop hucksters—and the baker waves his hand as he tootles off for the half-day, whilst we do a rota, and feel very self-righteous about it—"dare we risk selling this jar of cream?" When, oh when, shall we rally about a real leader? When shall we see pharmacy to pharmacists.—*Y. Knott (12/7).*

Dispensing Costs in Scotland.—The Standing Committee for Scotland will have studied the report about dispensing costs from Canada as reported in the *C. & D.*, and here are some concrete examples for them to work on:

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| 1. Tab. thyroid. gr. j.
Tales 60. | 2. Tab. rhei gr. i ss.
Tales 60 Sig. j. daily. |
| 3. Bis. sal. gr. x.
P. pro mist. cretae gr. xl.
Ft. pulv. Tales xij. | Sig. $\frac{1}{2}$ powder as required. |

In addition to loss of fees through loss of frequency there is the purchase tax to be considered, and in No. 3 what member of the Standing Committee would defend the accuracy of dispensing demands in view of the directions? Euclid states that a point has position but no dimensions; our Standing Committee too . . . Every forty-eight-and-upwards dose prescription is a reminder to the Scottish chemist of broken faith by the Department of Health and the inability of the Standing Committee to protect the chemist from the losses caused by such treatment.—*J. M. Williamson, Glasgow.*

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES

We do not undertake to analyse and report upon proprietary articles nor to publish supposed formulas for them

Besszonoff's Reagent.—*L. M. (7/7).*—This has been used to detect ascorbic acid in fruit juices, etc., but it is not specific for the acid. The reagent is a complex phospho-tungstic-phospho-molybdic acid obtained by heating a solution of sodium tungstate with phosphomolybdic and phosphoric acids. When dissolved in water, the compound gives a deep blue colour with ascorbic acid.

Safety Matches.—*D. R. H. (23/6).*—A composition for the splints is made of potassium chlorate 6 parts, antimony sulphide 2 or 3 parts, glue 1 part. For the friction surface on the box, the following mixture is spread evenly on to a surface previously made rough by a coating of glue and sand: Amorphous phosphorus 10, manganese dioxide 8, glue 3·6. The glue should be melted over hot water and the other ingredients sifted in.

Pancake Make-up.—*W. B. R. (7/7).*—The type of pancake compacts you refer to are covered by American patents and their process of manufacture somewhat involved. The powder pigment base is mixed with a waxy cream which contains a little water and allowed to dry. It is then finely powdered. In this way the particles of powder are coated with a waterproof wax film. The powder is then compressed into thin cakes with the aid of a small amount of gumming binding agent.

Freezing Mixtures.—*B. S. C. (20/6).*—The following are taken from Pharmaceutical Formulas, Vol. II:—

1. Ammonium nitrate	1
Sodium carbonate	1
Water	1
Reduction of temperature, about 50° F.	
2. Sodium phosphate	9
Diluted nitric acid	4
Reduction of temperature, about 65° F.	
3. Sodium sulphate	6
Ammonium nitrate	5
Diluted nitric acid	4
Reduction of temperature, about 80° F.	

Pediculosis Capitis.—*S. D. Co. (8/7).*—A recommended alternative to the treatment you refer to for this condition is to saturate the scalp with paraffin and tie it up for twelve hours. This of course has the disadvantage of being messy and is not free from danger if the head is brought too near a naked flame. Whitfield's method of saturating the hair with a 1 in 40 carbolic acid solution and then tying up the hair in it for half an hour is very effective, especially when much impetigo is present. After this, the crusts can be removed and the nits combed out, and a weak ammoniated mercury ointment applied.

Trench Ointment.—Several ointments have been supplied under this name, including blue ointment, white precipitate ointment, and the following:—

Powdered tragacanth	3 dr.
Spirit	1/2 oz.
Glycerin	1 oz.
Naphthalene	2 dr.
Carbon tetrachloride	1 oz.
Water	6 oz.

Mix the tragacanth with the spirit, add the naphthalene previously dissolved in the carbon tetrachloride, then the glycerin, and finally the water all at once. The tragacanth should be adjusted so that the finished ointment has the consistency of lard.

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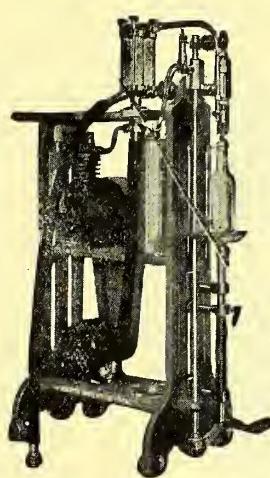
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Mr. E. Brown (Minister of Health) pointed out the technical difficulties in the way of describing medicines in simple English terms. Moreover some names, though they might be English, might not be easily recognisable. He suggested that an amendment deleting the word "composition" and inserting the words "accepted scientific name or other name descriptive of the true nature" would avoid the technical difficulties to which he had referred and at the same time meet the wishes of the Committee in this respect.

The amendment was agreed to.

Sir T. Moore moved an amendment to Clause 6 to safeguard the position of herbologists. He said he had discussed the position with leading herbologists, who said their business would be made practically impossible by the clause. Sir P. Hannon supported the amendment. Miss Horsbrugh (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health) said the Committee had agreed there should be the clearest possible disclosure of the contents of a remedy, and it would be unfair to exclude one class from the necessity for disclosure. The amendment was negatived.

Mr. E. Brown accepted an amendment, moved by Captain Elliston postponing from January 1 to July 1 next the coming into operation of Clause 6, which provides for the disclosure of composition of medicines. The amendment was agreed to.

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